

Bayesian network meta-analysis of face masks' impact on human physiology

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Search strategy

- **WHO COVID DATABASE** (<https://search.bvsalud.org/global-literature-on-novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov/>):

(mask OR masks OR facemask* OR face-mask* OR MH:"Respiratory Protective Devices" OR N95 OR N97 OR N99 OR ffp OR ffp1 OR ffp2 OR ffp3 OR "respiratory protective supply" OR "respiratory protective equipment" OR "respiratory protective gear") AND (("tidal volume" OR "tidal volumes" OR "breathing frequency" OR "frequency of breathing" OR "respiratory rate" OR "respiratory rates" OR "partial pressure" OR "oxygen pressure" OR "heart rate" OR cardiopulmonary OR "carbon dioxide" OR saturation OR "blood pressure") OR ("body temperature" OR "skin temperature" OR "core temperature" OR "aural temperature" OR "exertion"))

- **MEDLINE (PUBMED, <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>):**

((("surgical mask"[tw] OR "cloth mask"[tw] OR "surgical masks"[tw] OR "cloth masks"[tw] OR "medical mask"[tw] OR "medical masks" OR "Respiratory Protective Devices"[MeSH Terms] OR N95[tw] OR N97[tw] OR N99[tw] OR ffp[tw] OR ffp1[tw] OR ffp2[tw] OR ffp3[tw] OR "respiratory protective equipment"[tw] OR respiratory protective gear[tw] OR facemask*[tw] OR face-mask*[tw]) OR ((mask[tw] OR masks[tw]) AND ("Protective Devices"[MeSH Terms] OR "Infection control"[MeSH terms]))) AND (tidal volume*[tw] OR breathing frequency[tw] OR frequency of breathing[tw] OR respiratory rate*[tw] OR partial pressure[tw] OR oxygen pressure[tw] OR heart rate[tw] OR cardiopulmonary[tw] OR carbon dioxide OR saturation[tw] OR "blood pressure"[tw] OR "body temperature"[tw] OR "skin temperature"[tw] OR "core temperature" OR "aural temperature" OR "exertion")) NOT (CPAP[tw] OR "positive airway pressure"[tw] OR "laryngeal mask*" [tw] OR anaesthesia OR postoperative[tw] OR "Perioperative Period"[MeSH Terms] OR "noninvasive ventilation" OR "non-invasive ventilation" OR "mask ventilation" OR preoxygenation OR pre-oxygenation OR "Respiratory Therapy"[MeSH Terms] OR (animal[tw] NOT (animal[tw] AND human[tw]))))

- **CINAHL (EBSCOhost, <https://search.ebscohost.com/>):**

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OR (MH "Respiratory Protective Devices+") OR N95 OR N97 OR N99 OR ffp OR ffp1 OR ffp2 OR ffp3 OR "respiratory protective equipment" OR "respiratory protective gear" OR facemask* OR face-mask*) OR ((mask OR masks) AND ((MH "Protective Devices+") OR (MH "Infection control+")))) AND ("tidal volume*" OR "breathing frequency" OR "frequency of breathing" OR "respiratory rate*" OR "partial pressure" OR "oxygen pressure" OR "heart rate" OR cardiopulmonary OR "carbon dioxide" OR "blood pressure"

OR saturation OR "body temperature" OR "skin temperature" OR "core temperature" OR "aural temperature" OR "exertion")) NOT (CPAP OR "positive airway pressure" OR "laryngeal mask*" OR anaesthesia

OR postoperative OR (MH "Perioperative Period+") OR "noninvasive ventilation"

OR "non-invasive ventilation"

OR "mask ventilation"

OR pre-oxygenation

- **CENTRAL (<https://www.cochranelibrary.com/central/>):**

#1 "surgical mask" OR "cloth mask" OR "surgical masks" OR "cloth masks" OR "medical mask" OR "medical masks" OR "N95" OR "N97" OR "N99" OR ffp OR ffp1 OR ffp2 OR ffp3 OR "respiratory protective equipment" OR "respiratory protective gear" OR facemask* OR face-mask*

#2 MeSH descriptor: [Protective Devices] explode all trees

#3 MeSH descriptor: [Infection Control] explode all trees

#4 (mask OR masks) AND (#2 OR #3)

#5 #1 OR #4

#6 "tidal volume*" OR "breathing frequency" OR "frequency of breathing" OR "respiratory rate*" OR "partial pressure" OR "oxygen pressure" OR "heart rate" OR cardiopulmonary OR "carbon dioxide" OR "blood pressure" OR saturation OR "body temperature" OR "skin temperature" OR "core temperature" OR "aural temperature" OR "exertion"

#7 #5 AND #6

#8 MeSH descriptor: [Perioperative Care] explode all trees

#9 CPAP OR "positive airway pressure" OR "laryngeal mask*" OR anaesthesia
OR postoperative OR "noninvasive ventilation"
OR "non-invasive ventilation"
OR "mask ventilation"
OR preoxygenation
OR pre-oxygenation

#10 (animal NOT (animal AND human))

#11 #7 NOT (#8 OR #9 OR #10)

OR 'Respiratory Protective Devices'/exp OR N95 OR N97 OR N99 OR ffp:ti,ab,de,tn OR ffp1:ti,ab,de,tn OR ffp2:ti,ab,de,tn OR ffp3:ti,ab,de,tn OR "respiratory protective equipment":ti,ab,de,tn OR "respiratory protective gear":ti,ab,de,tn OR facemask*:ti,ab,de,tn OR face-mask*:ti,ab,de,tn) OR ((mask:ti,ab,de,tn OR masks:ti,ab,de,tn) AND ('Protective Devices'/exp OR 'Infection control'/exp))) AND ("tidal volume":ti,ab,de,tn OR "breathing frequency":ti,ab,de,tn OR "frequency of breathing":ti,ab,de,tn OR "respiratory rate":ti,ab,de,tn OR "partial

pressure":ti,ab,de,tn OR "oxygen pressure":ti,ab,de,tn OR "heart rate":ti,ab,de,tn OR
cardiopulmonary:ti,ab,de,tn OR "carbon dioxide"

OR saturation:ti,ab,de,tn OR "blood pressure":ti,ab,de,tn OR "body temperature":ti,ab,de,tn OR
"skin temperature":ti,ab,de,tn OR "core temperature"

OR "aural temperature"

OR exertion

)) NOT (CPAP:ti,ab,de,tn OR "positive airway pressure":ti,ab,de,tn OR "laryngeal mask*":ti,ab,de,tn
OR anaesthesia

OR postoperative:ti,ab,de,tn OR 'Perioperative Period'/exp OR "noninvasive ventilation"

OR "non-invasive ventilation"

OR "mask ventilation"

OR preoxygenation

OR pre-oxygenation

OR 'Respiratory Therapy'/exp OR (animal:ti,ab,de,tn NOT (animal:ti,ab,de,tn AND
human:ti,ab,de,tn)))

TABLES

	Carrizal et al.
Is the case definition adequate?	0
Representativeness of the cases	1
Selection of Controls	1
Definition of Controls	1
Comparability of cases and controls on the basis of the design or analysis	2
Ascertainment of exposure	1
Same method of ascertainment for cases and controls	1
Non-Response rate	1

Supplementary Table 1. Risk of bias assessment of non-randomized studies

Risk of bias assessment

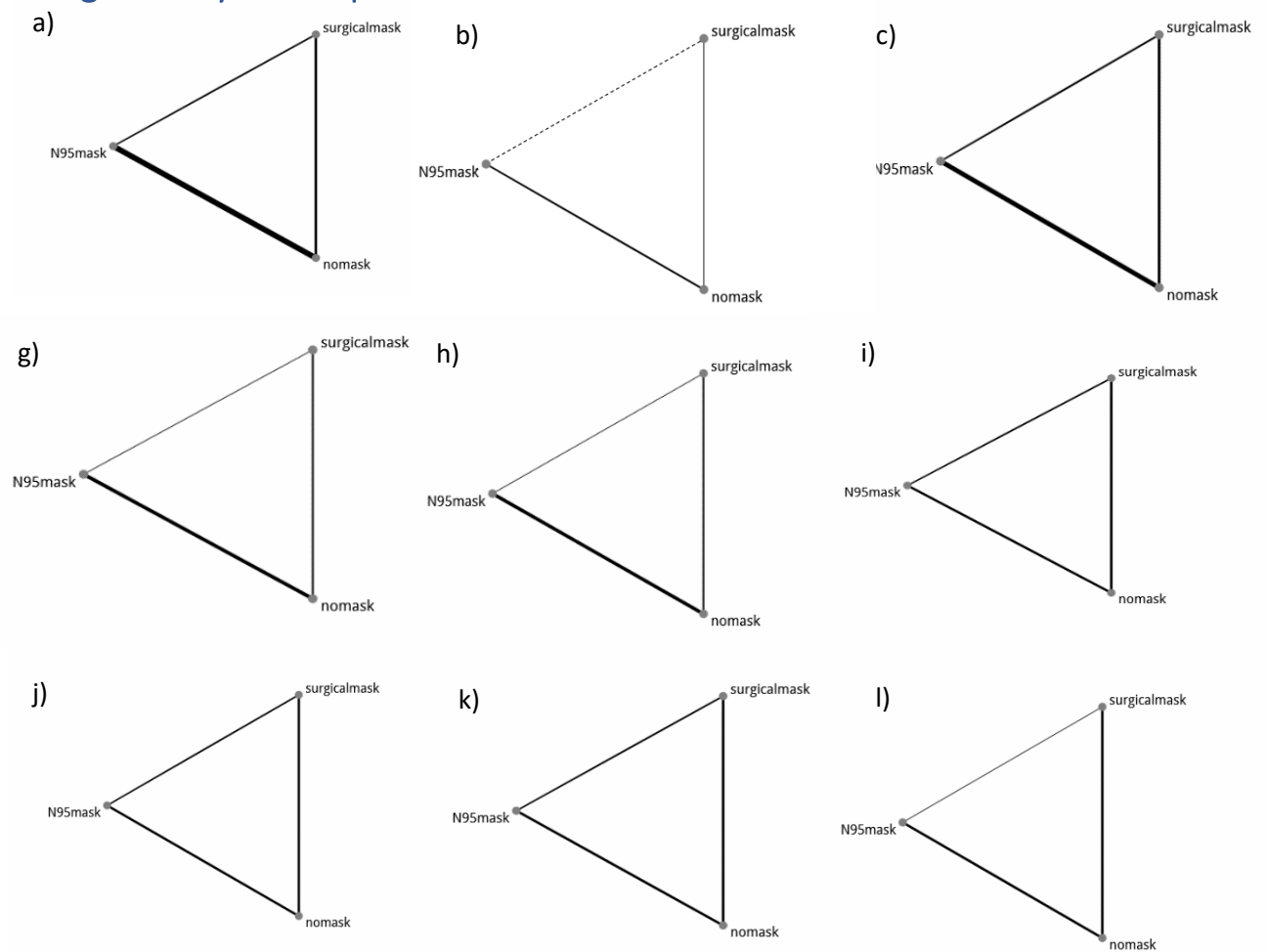
		Risk of bias						
		D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	Overall
Study	DiLeo et al. 2017							
	Epstein et al. 2020							
	Fikenzer et al. 2020							
	Jones 1991							
	Kim et al. 2013							
	Kim et al. 2014							
	Laird et al. 2002							
	Li et al. 2005							
	Luximon et al. 2016							
	Mapelli et al. 2021							
	Roberge et al. 2010							
	Roberge et al. 2012a							
	Roberge et al. 2012b							
	Roberge et al. 2014							
	Scarano et al. 2020							
	Serin et al. 2020							
	Shaw et al. 2020							
	Spang and Pieper 2020							
	Wong et al. 2020							
	Yip et al. 2005							

D1: Bias arising from the randomization proces
D2: Bias arising from period and carryover effects
D3: Bias due to deviations from intended intervention
D4: Bias due to missing outcome data
D5: Bias in measurement of the outcome
D6: Bias in selection of the reported result

Judgement
 High
 Unclear
 Low

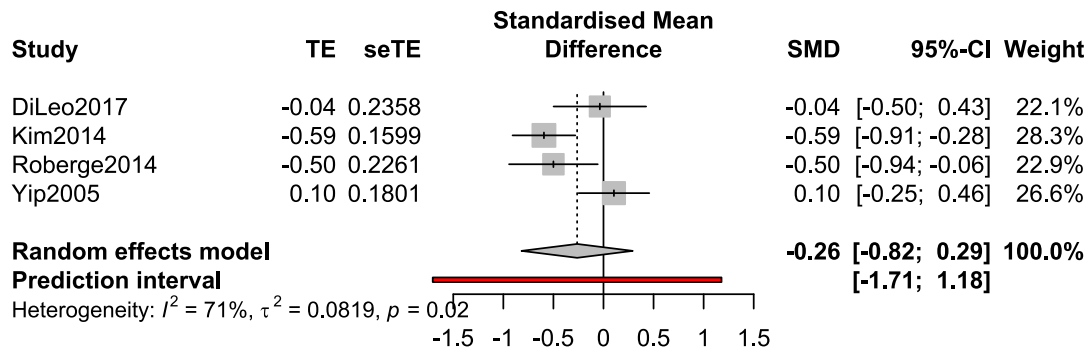
Supplementary Fig. 1 “Traffic light” plot of risk of bias assessment (based on the second version of Cochrane risk of bias tool).

The geometry of comparisons

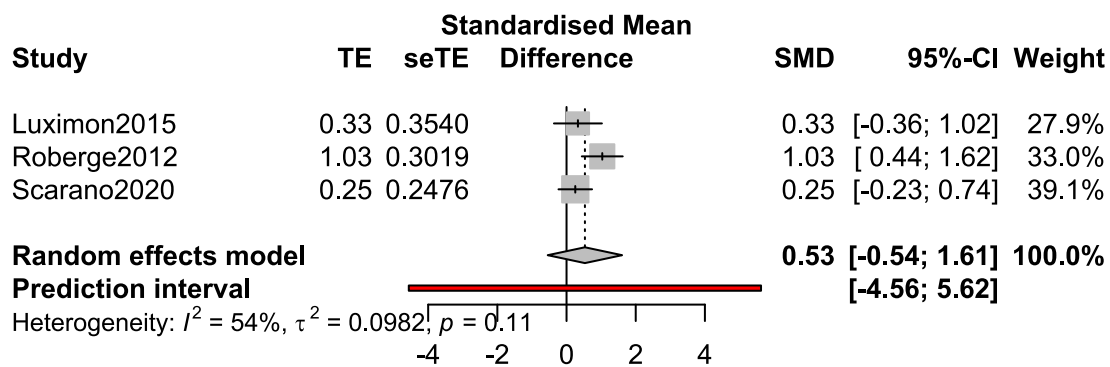


Supplementary Fig. 2. The geometry of the comparisons; a. Temperature of covered facial skin, b. RHP, c. RR, d. The temperature of facial skin not covered by a mask, e. Aural temperature, f. HR, g. SpO2, h. tcPCO2, i. HR during high-intensity exercise, j. HR during moderate-intensity exercise, k. SBP, l. RPE

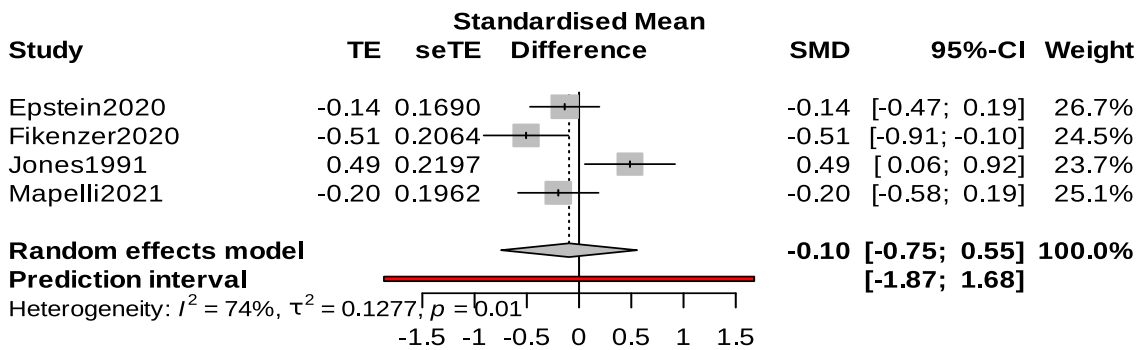
a) Aural temperature, N95 FFR



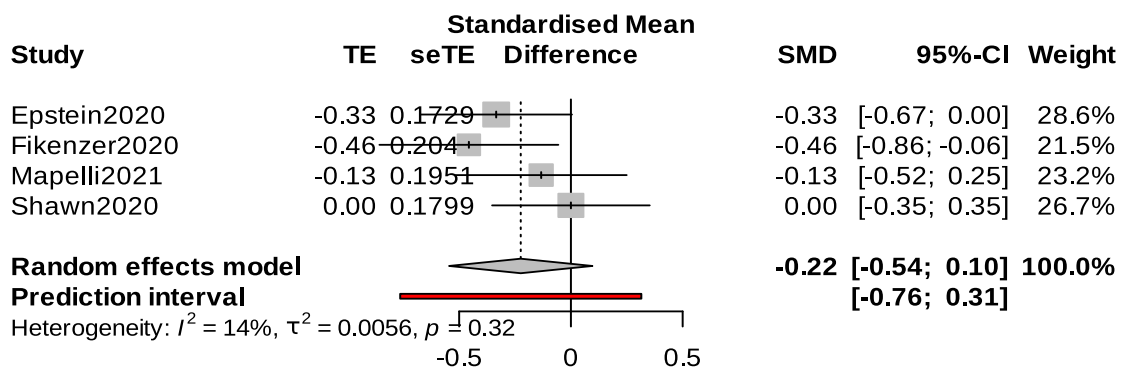
b) Covered facial skin temperature, surgical mask



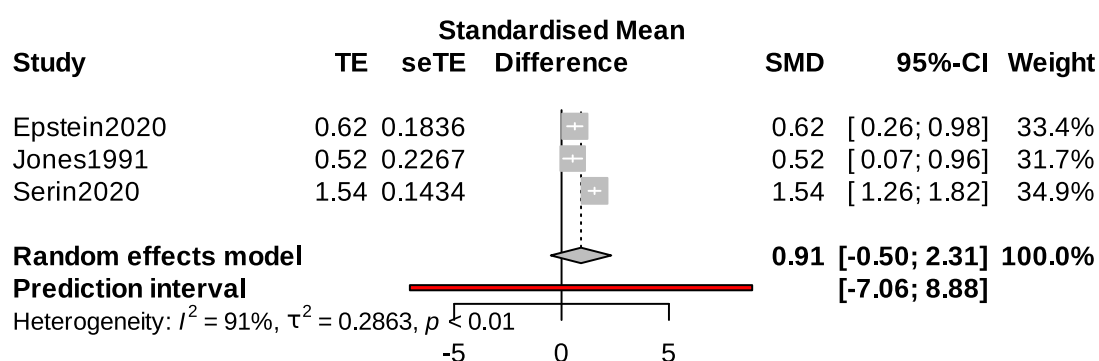
c) HR during high intensity exercise, N95 FFR



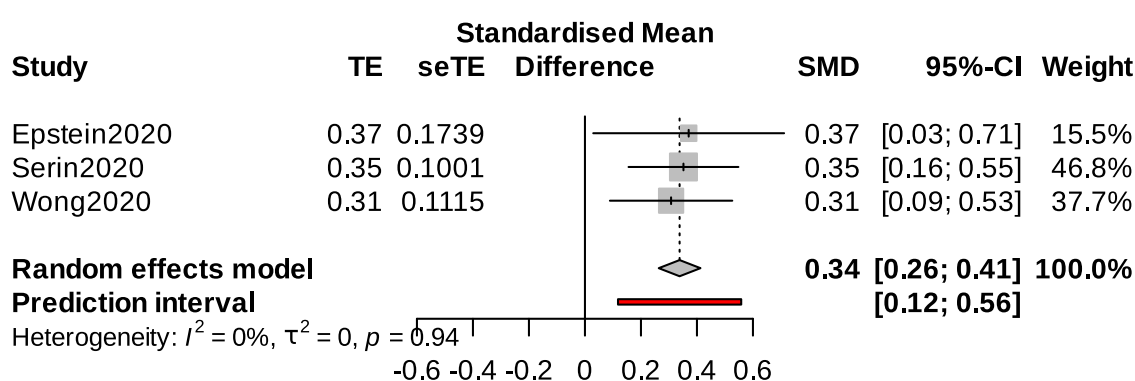
d) HR during high intensity exercise, surgical mask



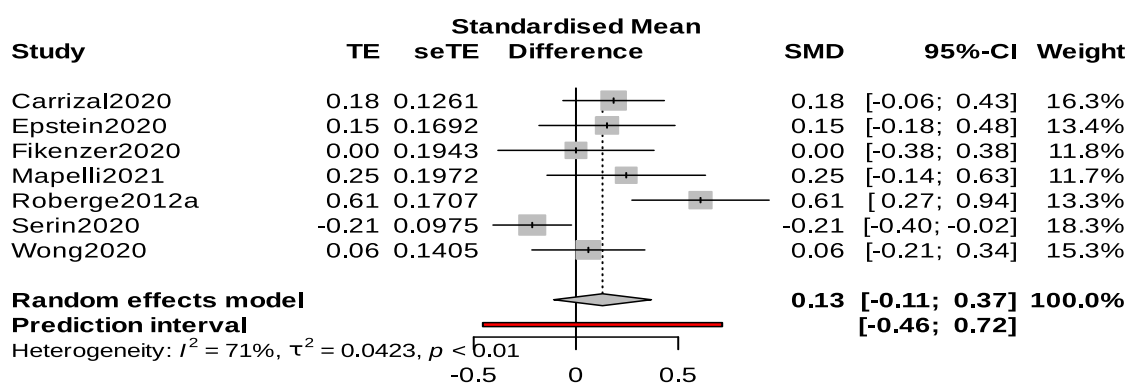
e) HR during moderate intensity exercise, N95 FFR



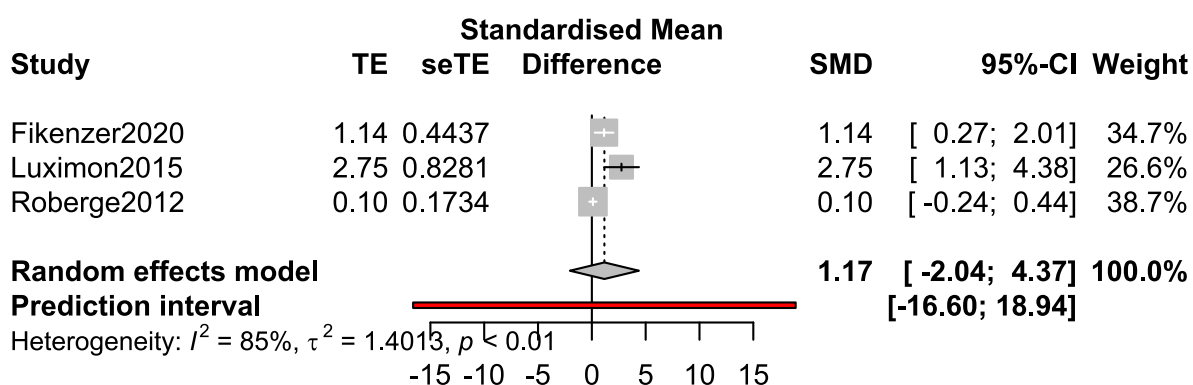
f) HR during moderate intensity exercise, surgical mask



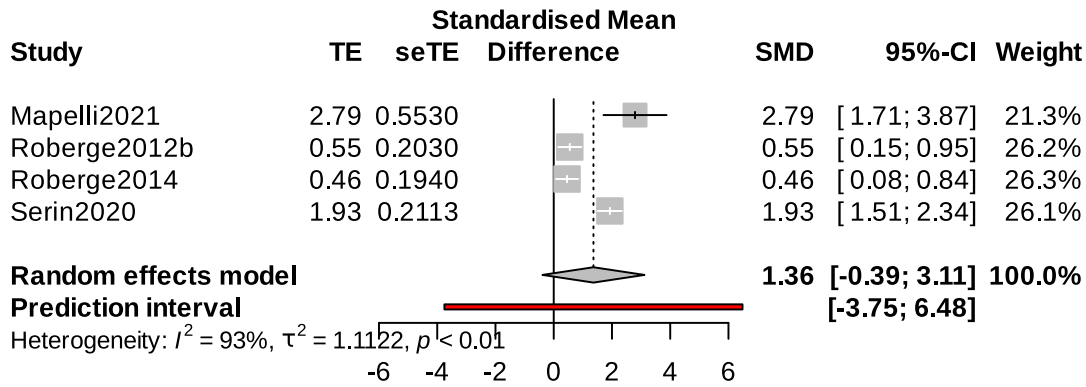
g) HR, surgical mask



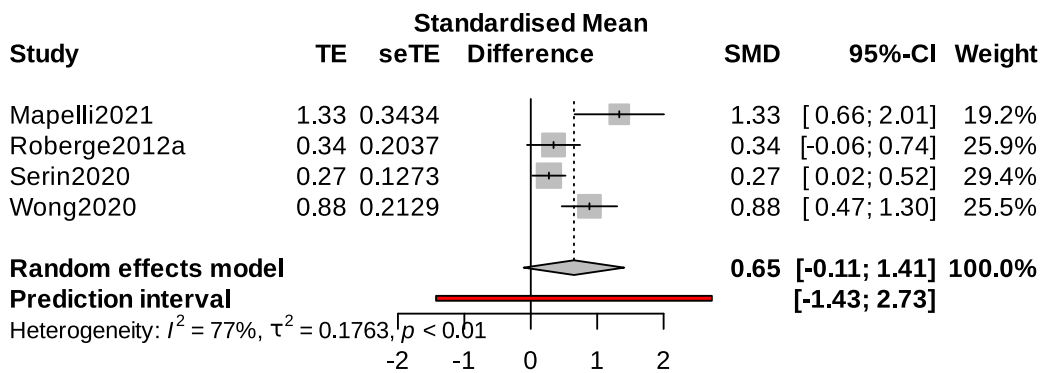
h) RHP, surgical mask



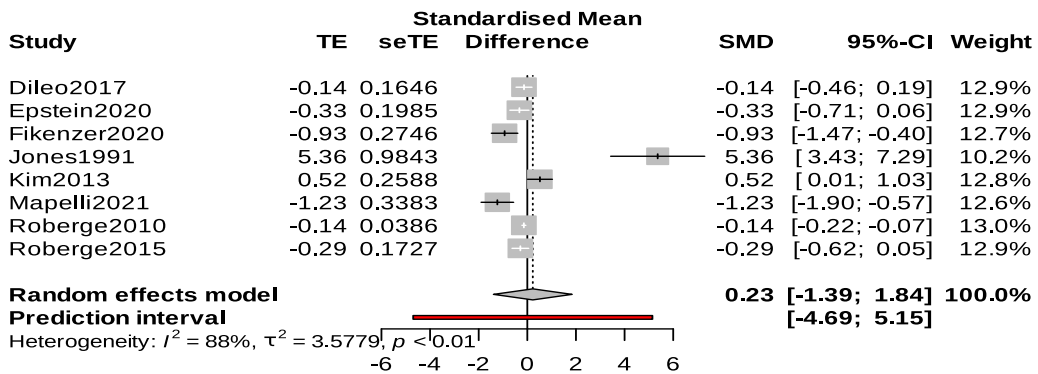
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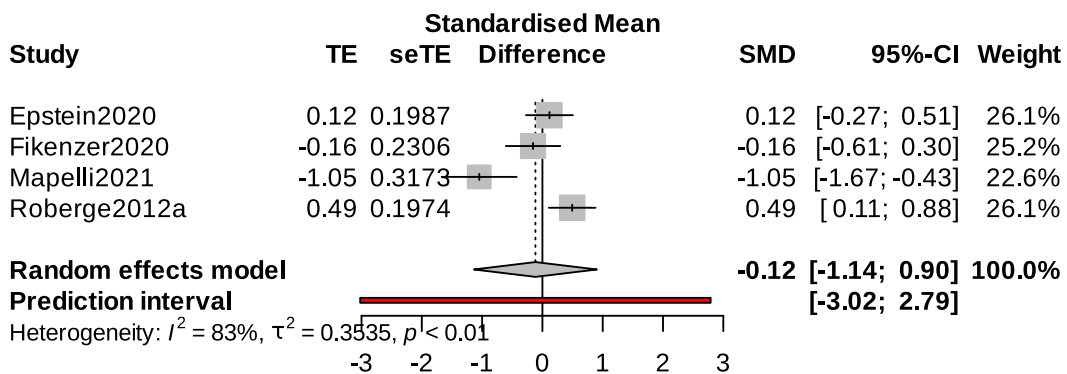
j) RPE, surgical mask



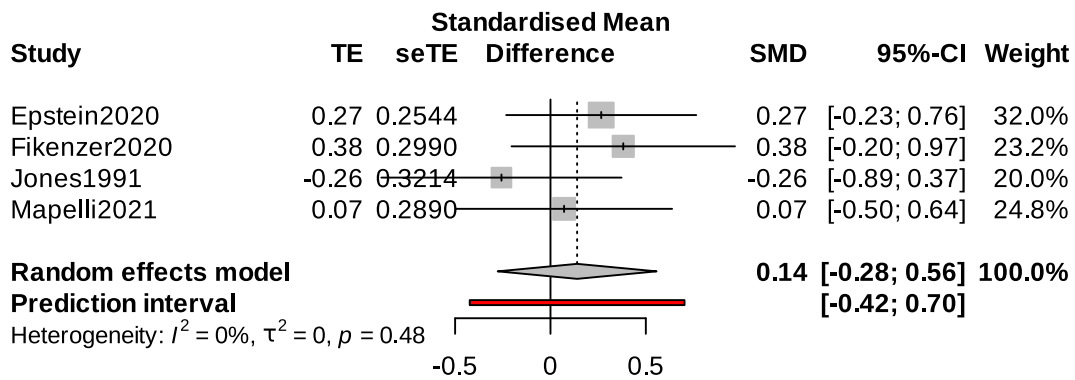
k) RR, N95 FFR



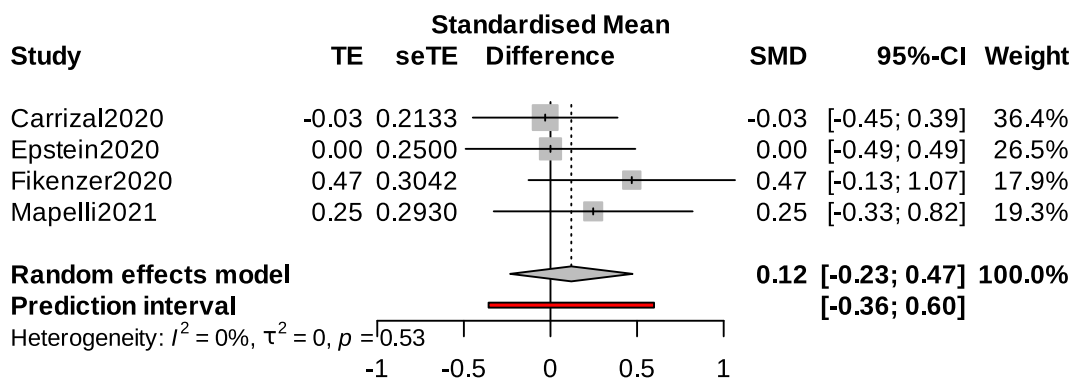
l) RR, surgical mask



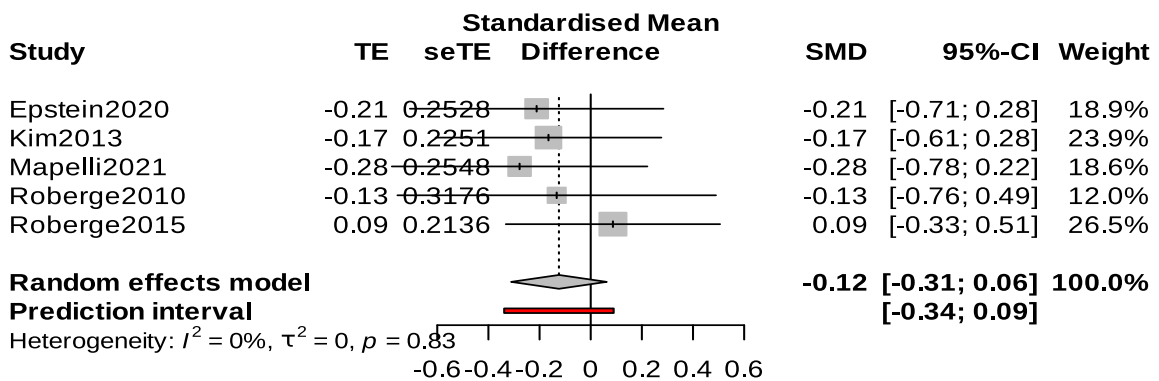
m) SBP, N95 FFR



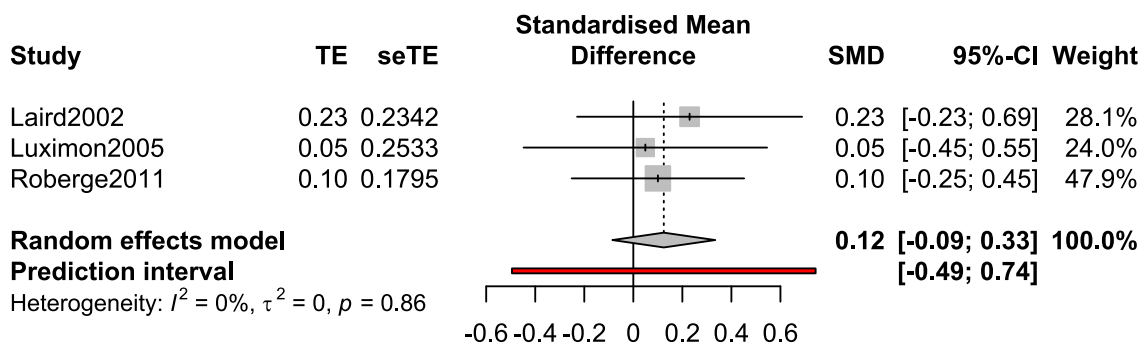
n) SBP, surgical mask



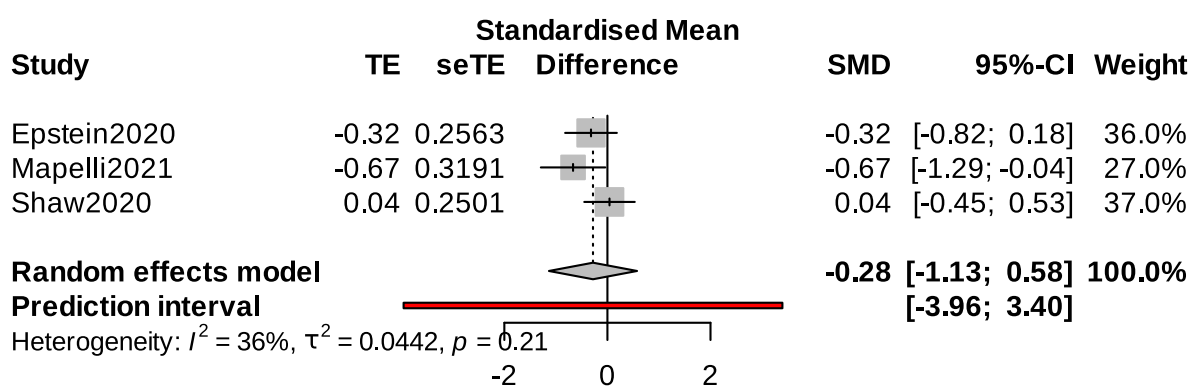
o) SpO2, N95 FFR



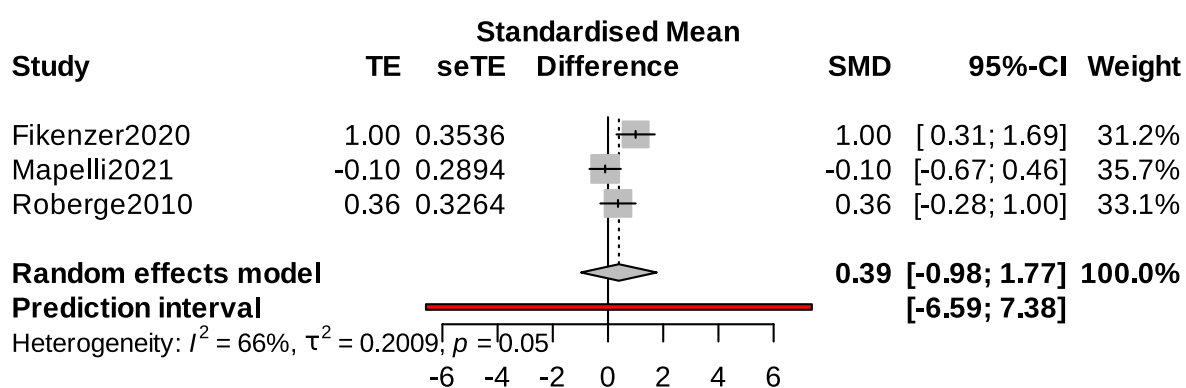
p) Uncovered facial skin temperature, N95 FFR



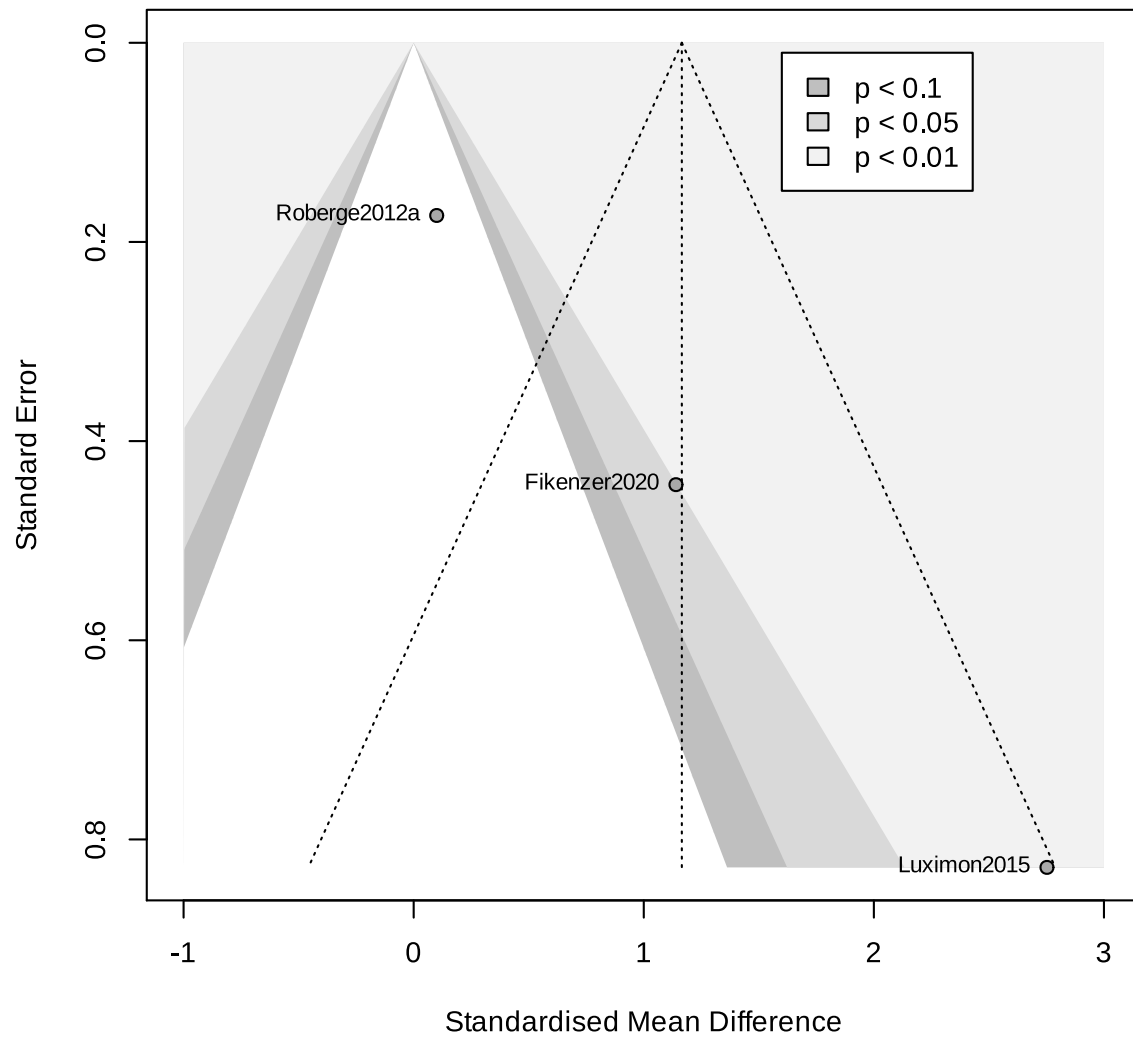
r) SpO22 during high intensity conditio, surgical mask



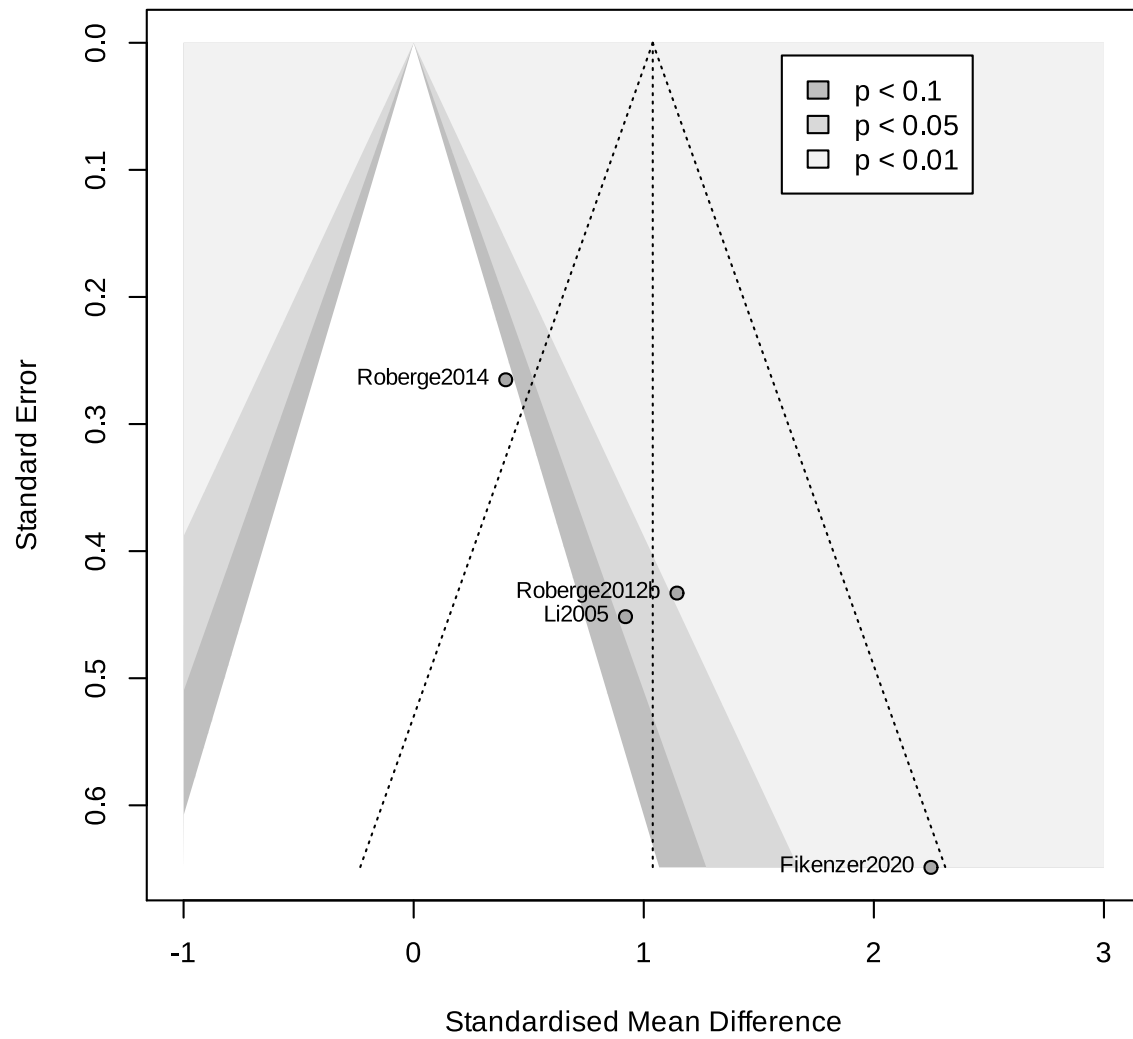
s) tidal volume, N95 FFR



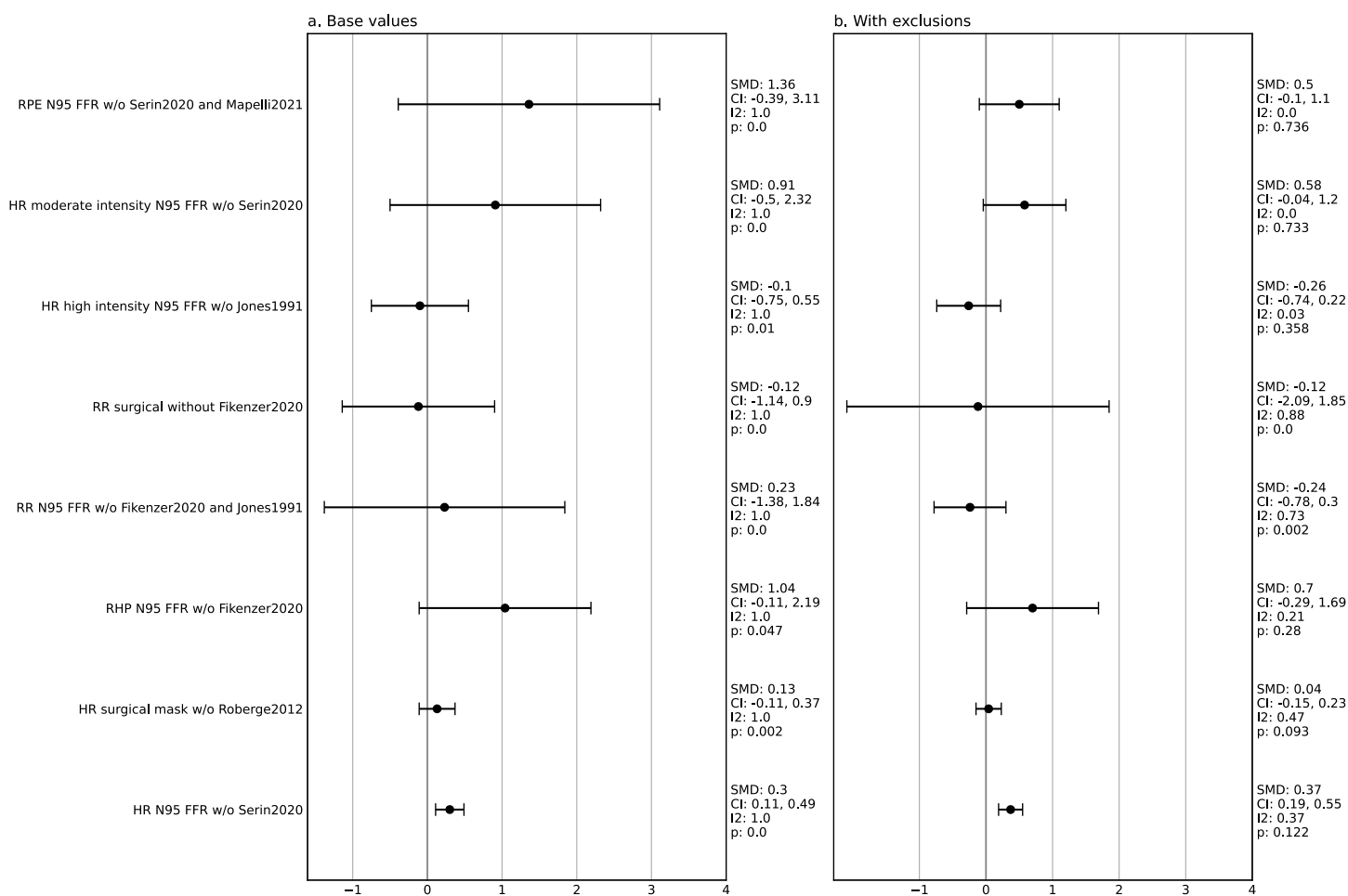
Supplementary Fig. 3. Non-significant pairwise comparison



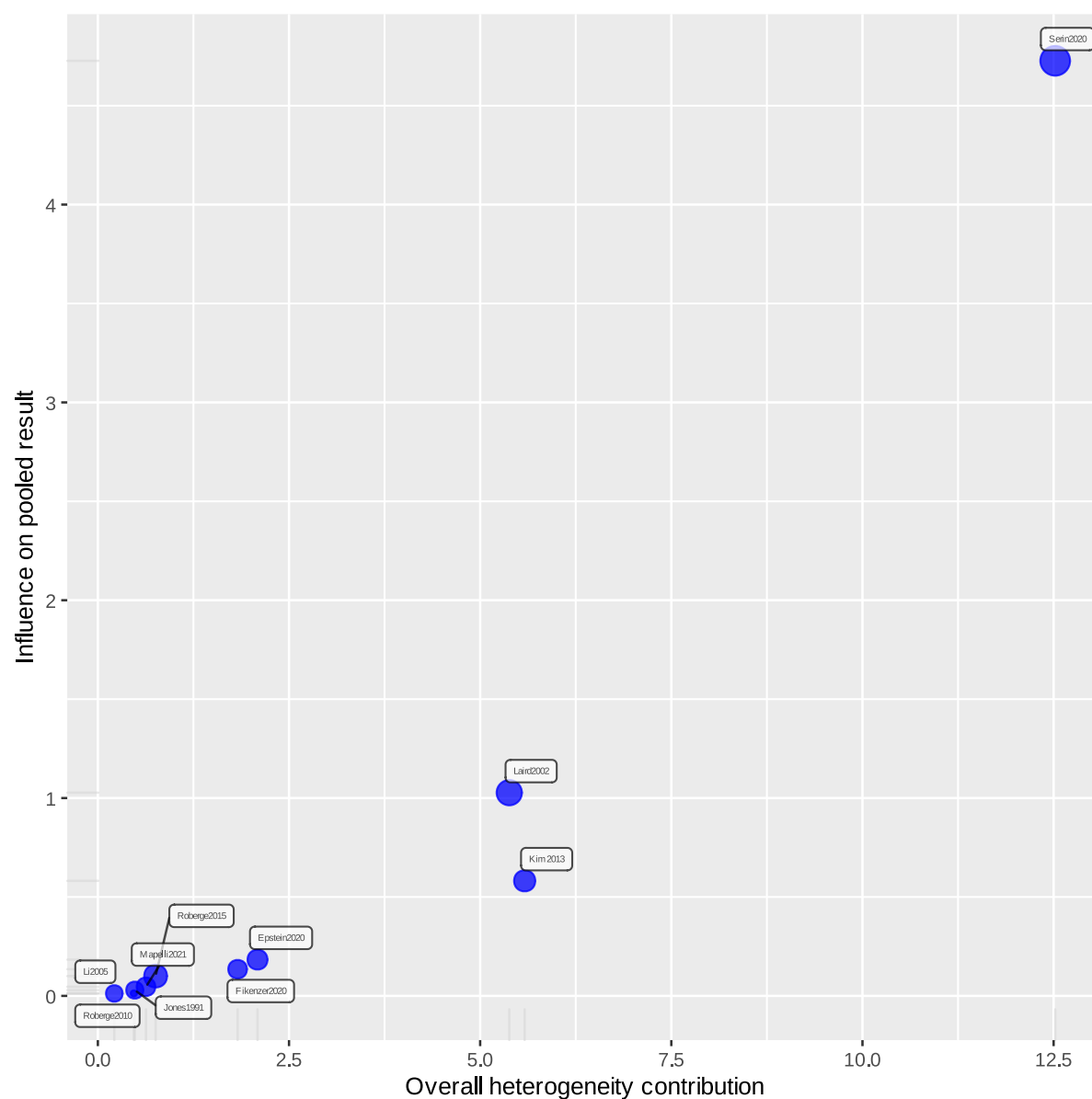
Supplementary Fig. 4. Funnel plot for pairwise comparison on RHP, surgical mask



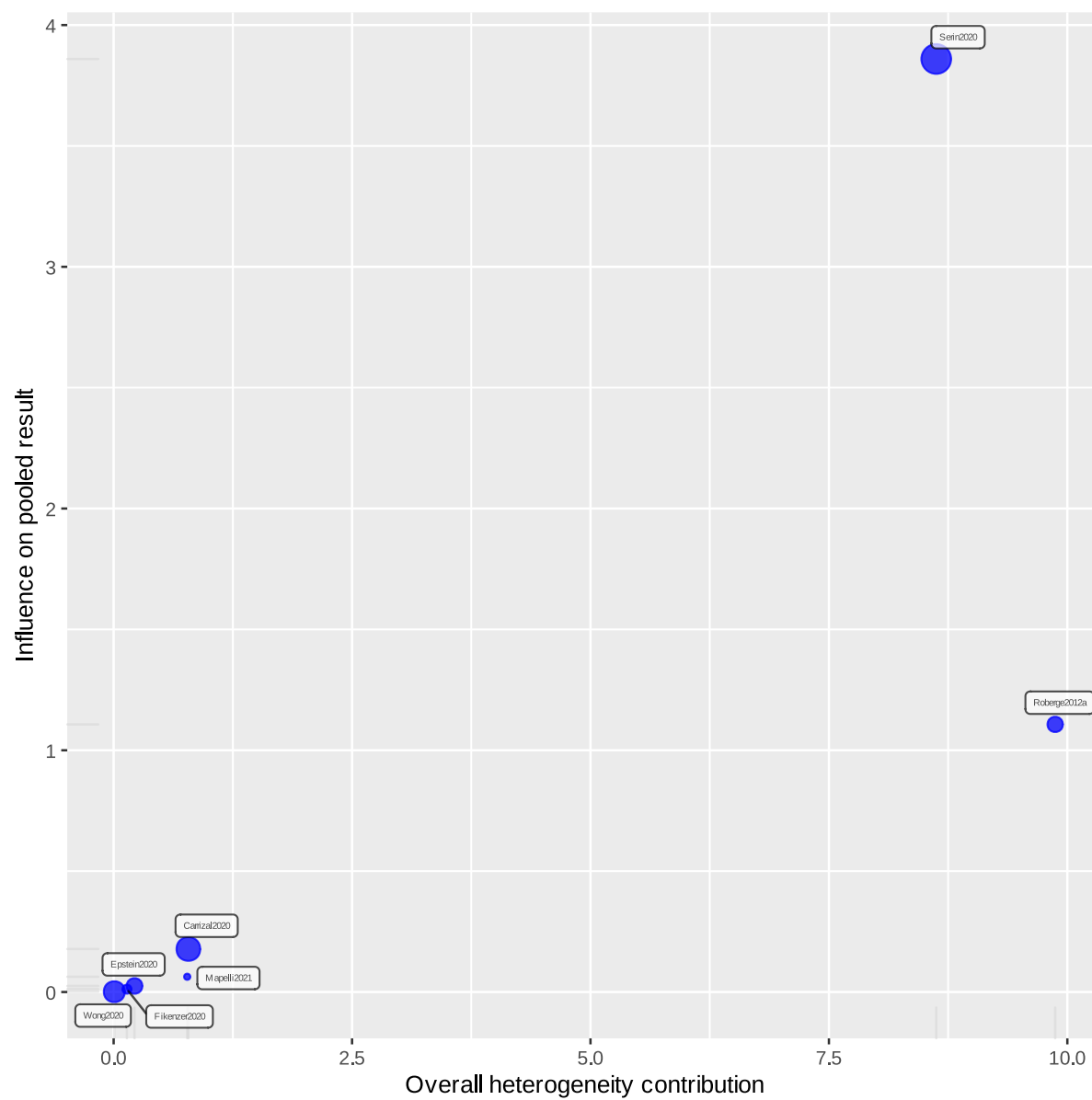
Supplementary Fig. 5. Funnel plot for pairwise comparison on RHP, N95 mask



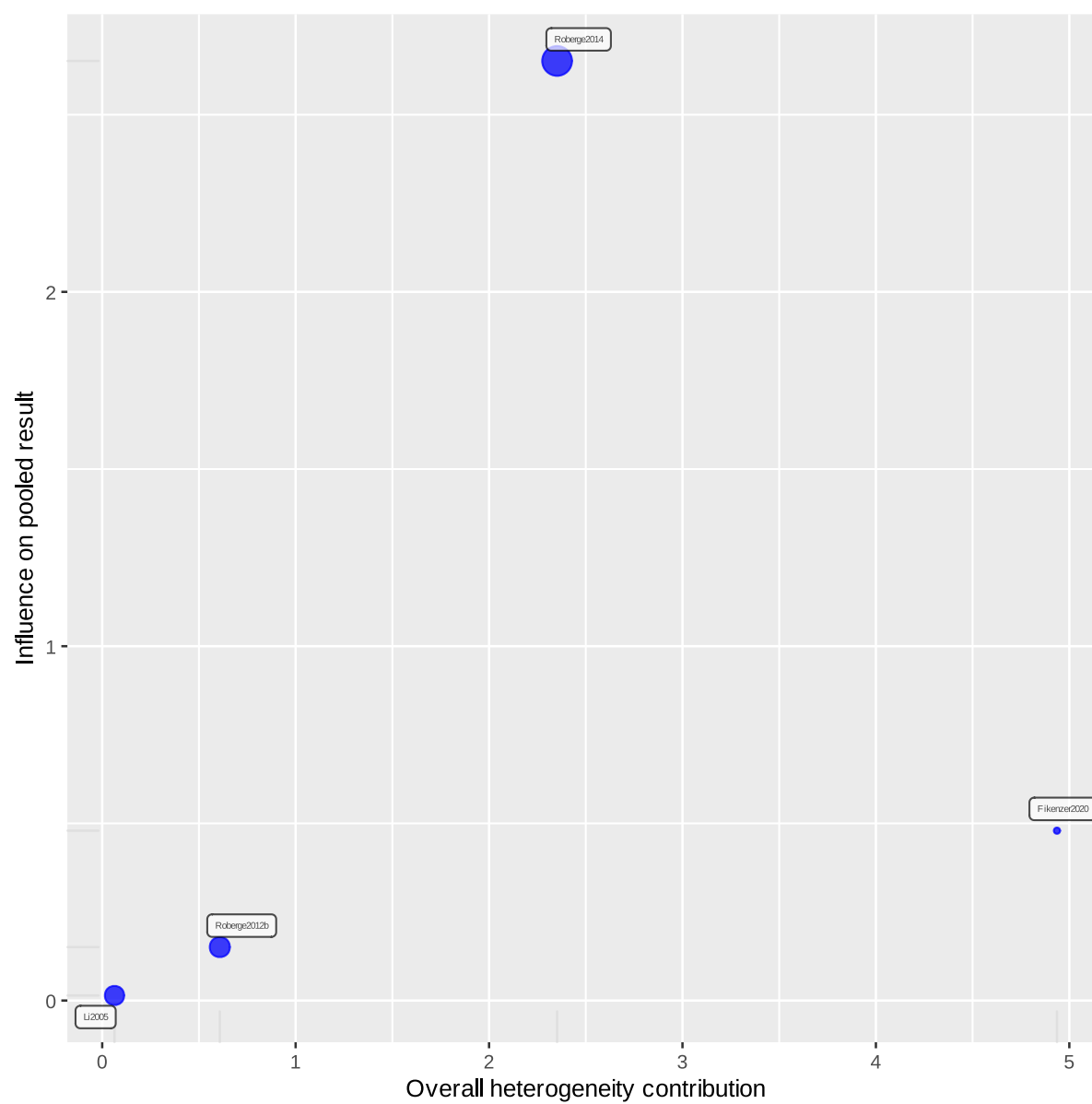
Supplementary Fig. 6. Sensitivity analysis with exclusion of studies overly contributing to heterogeneity; p - p-value for test of heterogeneity, I² – Higgins and Thompson I² statistic



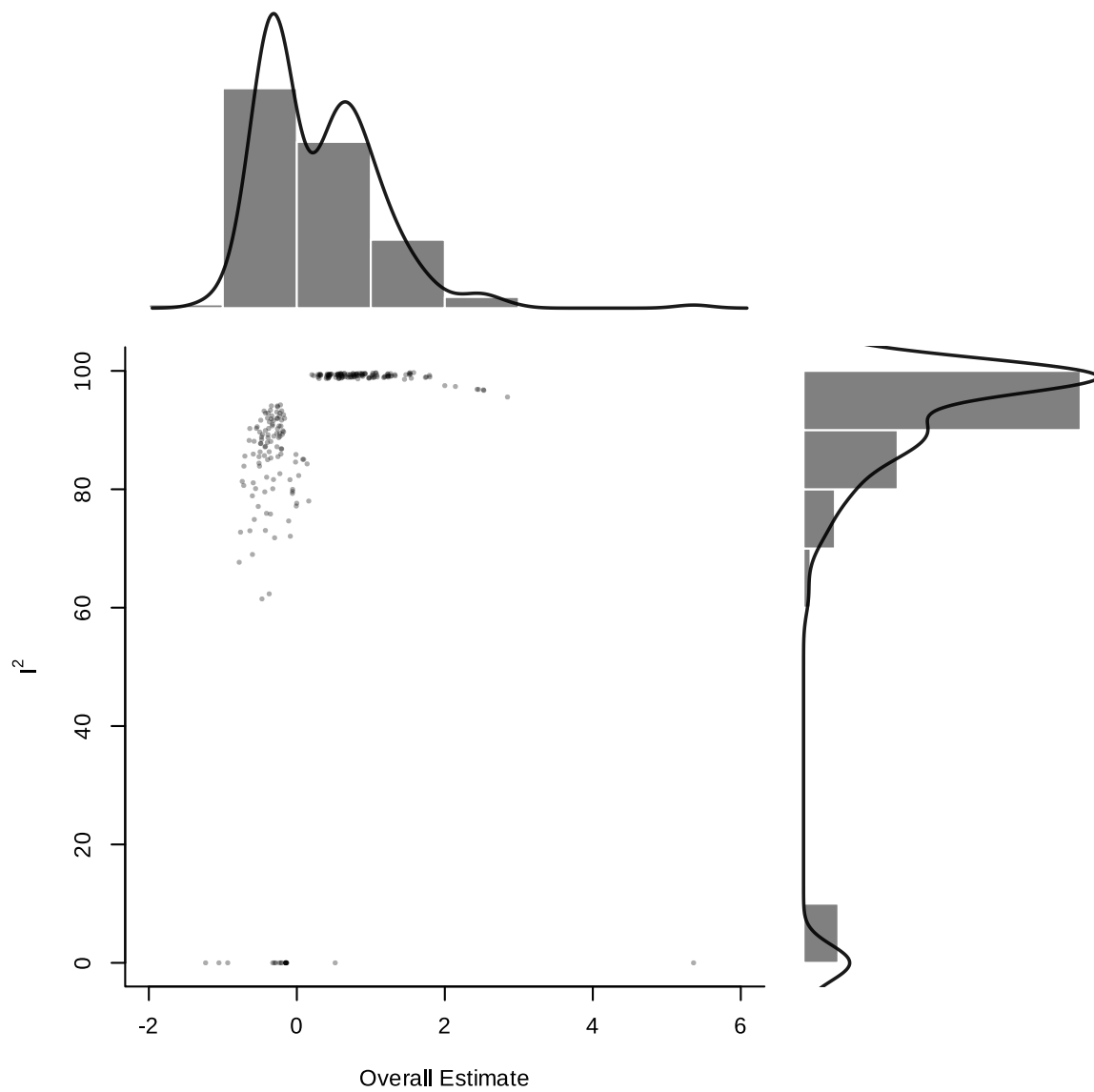
Supplementary Fig. 7. Visual representation of heterogeneity in pairwise comparison of N95 FFR's effect on heart rate.



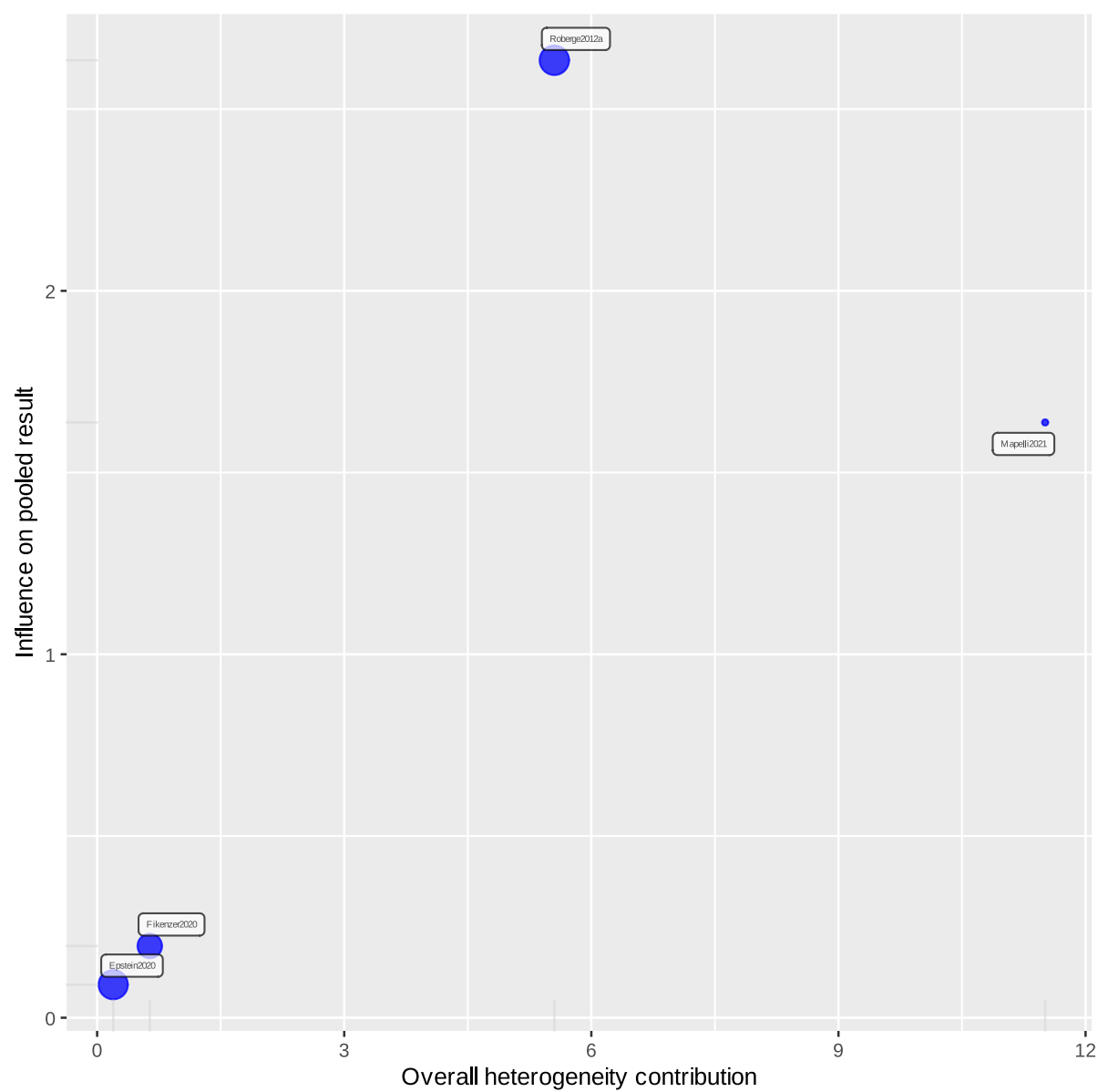
Supplementary Fig. 8. Visual representation of heterogeneity in pairwise comparison of surgical mask's effect on heart rate.



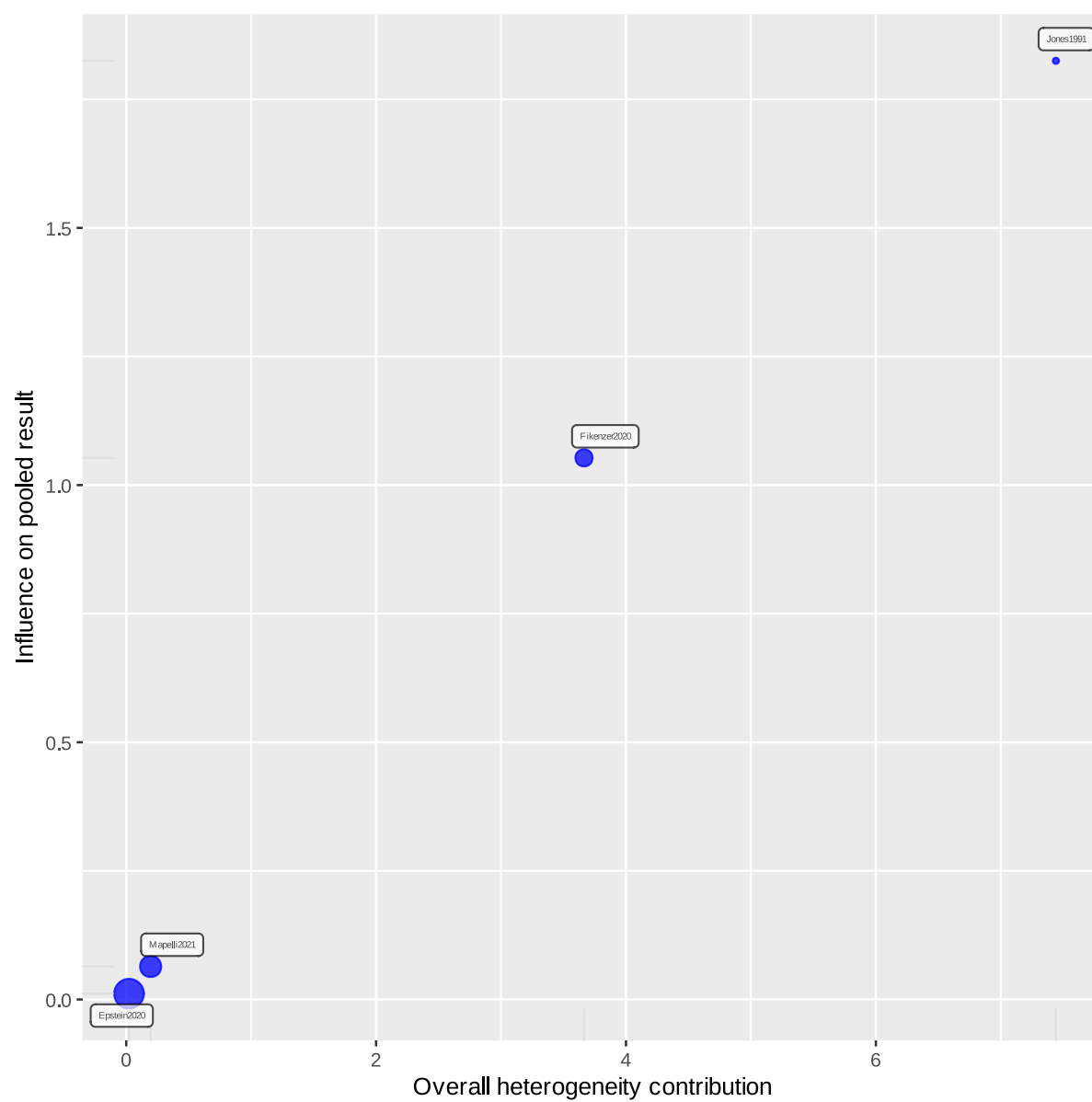
Supplementary Fig. 9. Visual representation of heterogeneity in pairwise comparison of N95 FFR's effect on rating of heat perception.



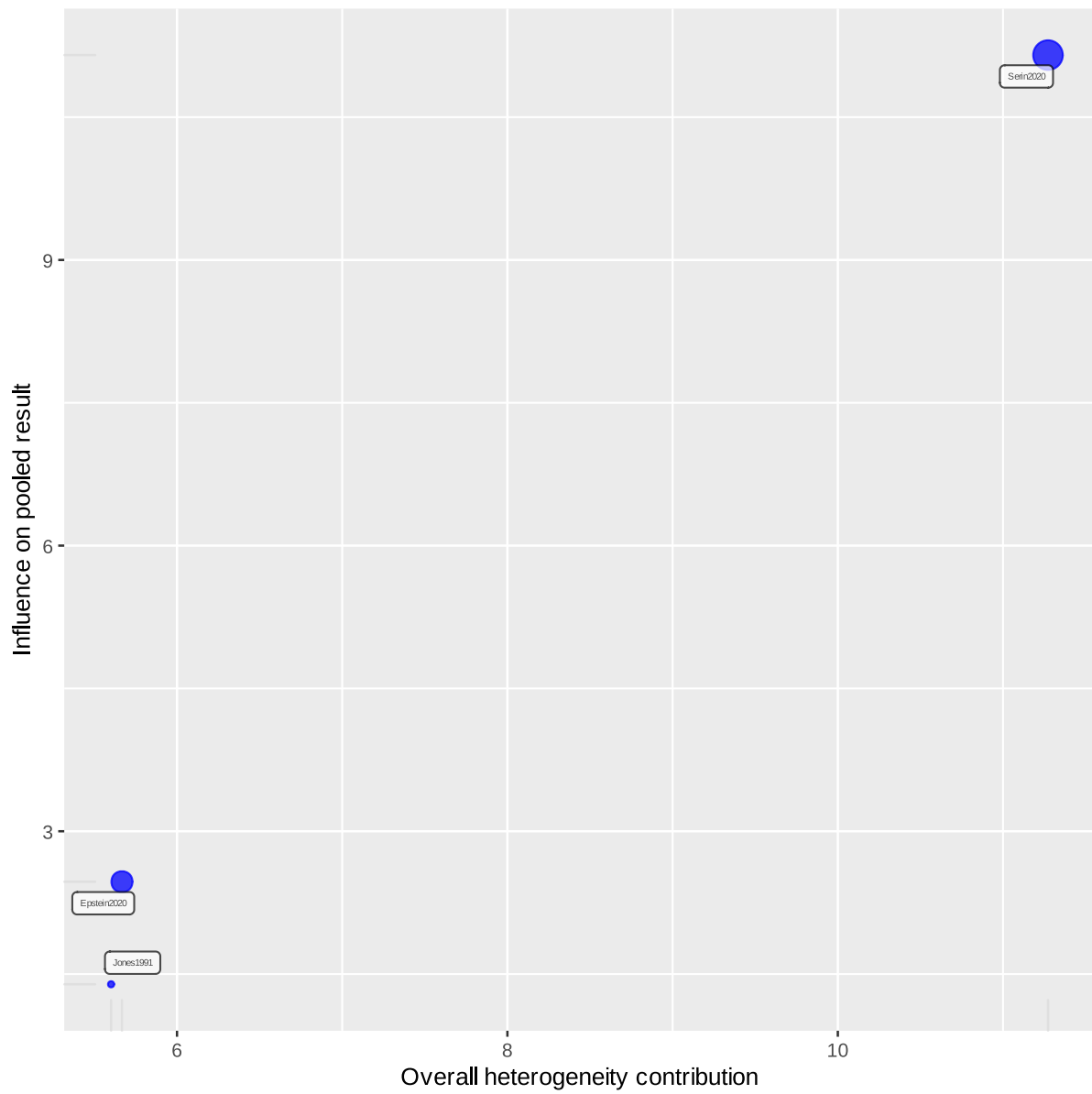
Supplementary Fig. 10. GOSH plot of N95 FFR's effect on respiratory rate. Clustering algorithms revealed that study by Fikenzer et al. (2020) and Jones et al. (1991) was overly contributing to heterogeneity.



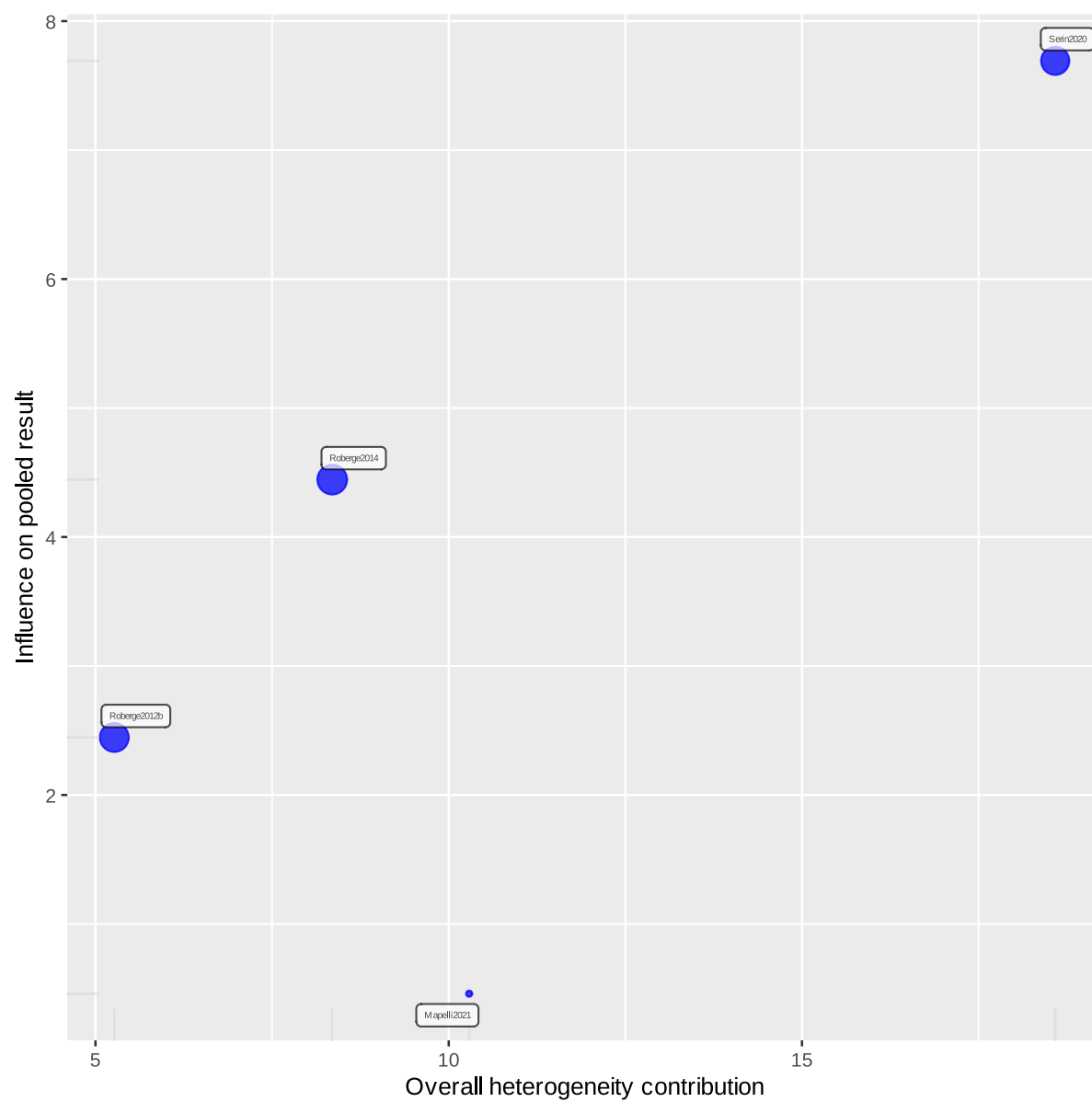
Supplementary Fig. 11. Visual representation of heterogeneity in pairwise comparison of surgical mask's effect on respiratory rate.



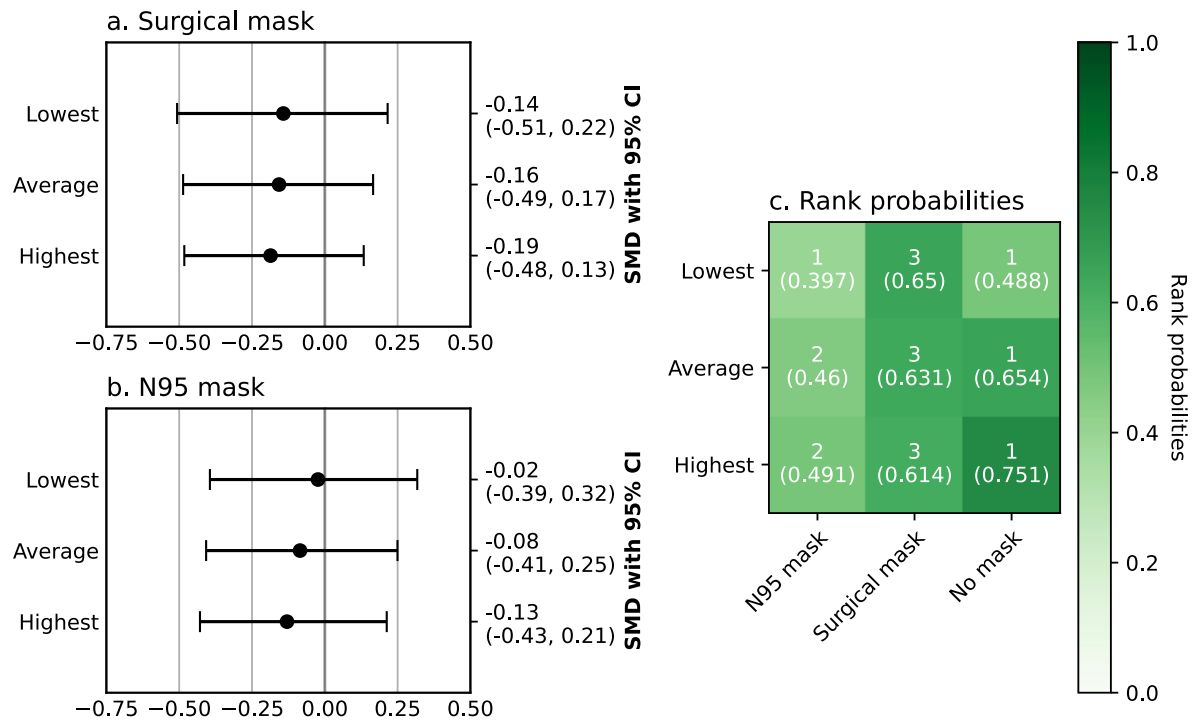
Supplementary Fig. 12. Visual representation of heterogeneity in pairwise comparison of N95 FFR's effect on heart rate during high intensity activity.



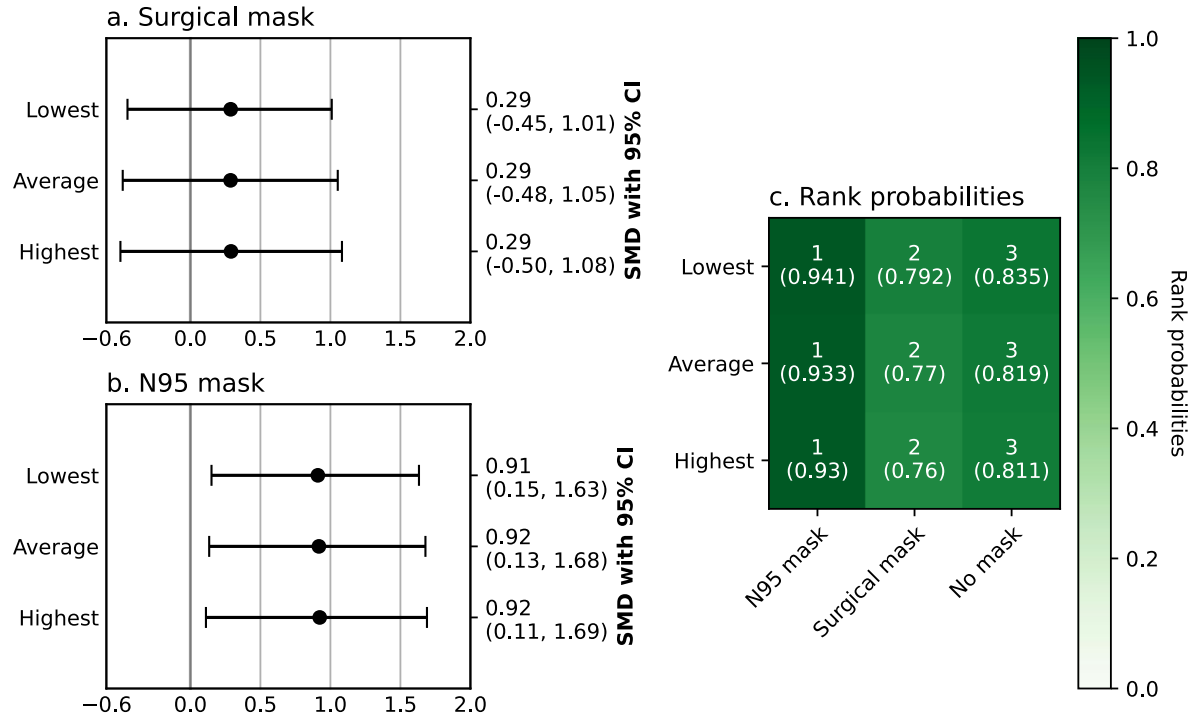
Supplementary Fig. 13. Visual representation of heterogeneity in pairwise comparison of N95 FFR's effect on heart rate during moderate intensity activity.



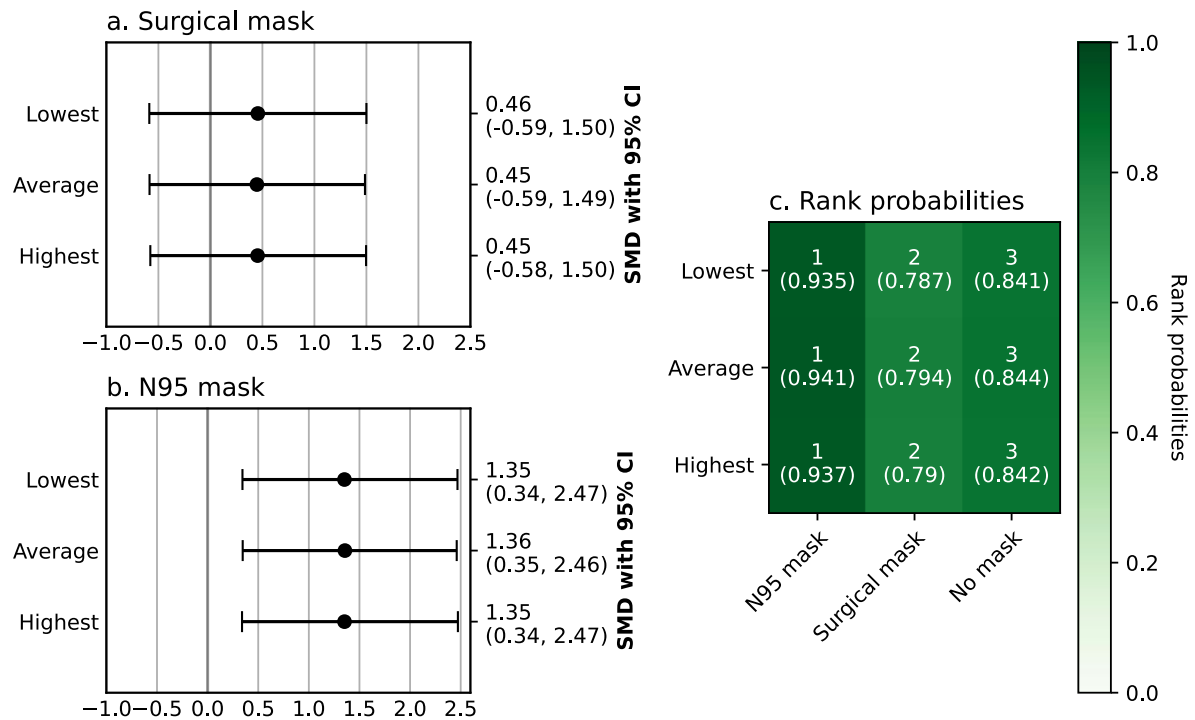
Supplementary Fig. 14. Visual representation of heterogeneity in pairwise comparison of N95 FFR's effect on rating of perceived exertion



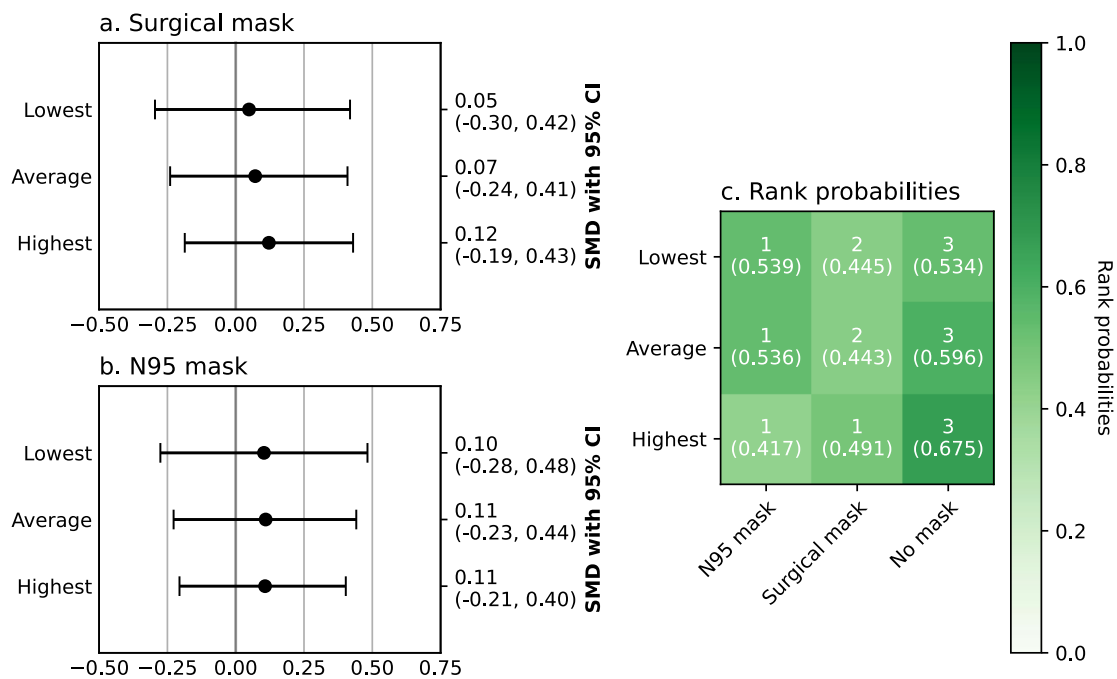
Supplementary Fig. 15. Sensitivity analysis of various imputed correlation coefficients for HR during high-intensity exercise. Numbers in rank probabilities heatmap represent rank with the highest probability and corresponding probability for given measure and condition



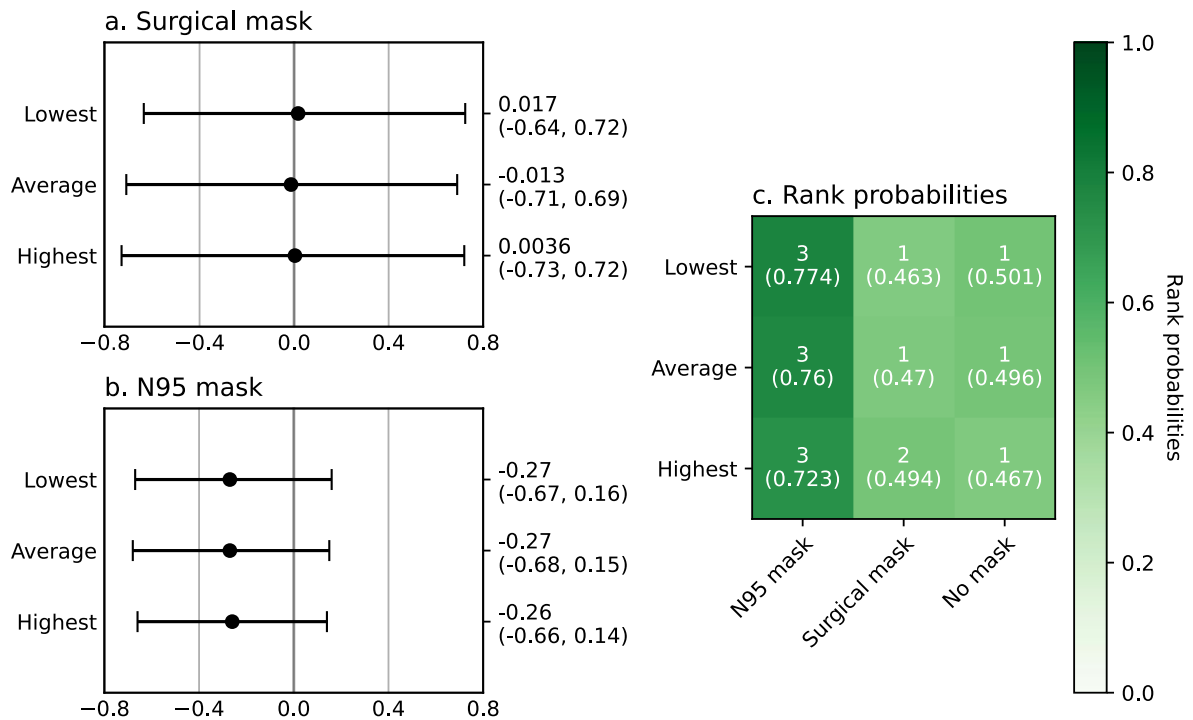
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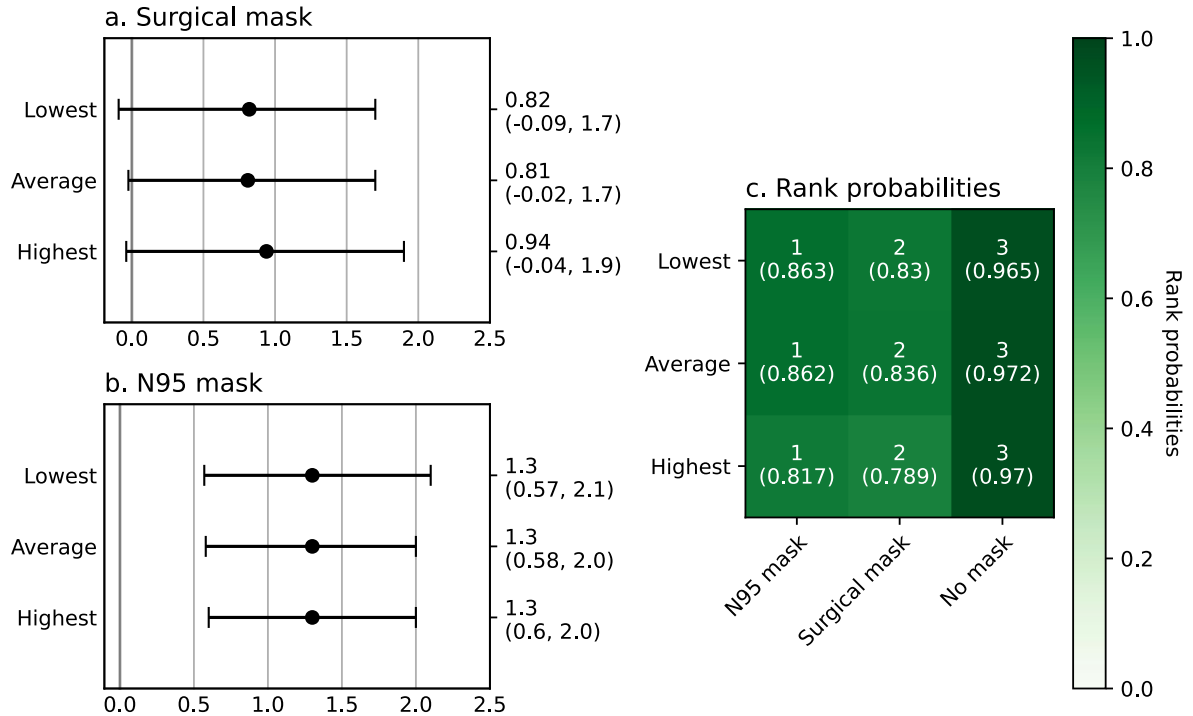
Supplementary Fig. 17. Sensitivity analysis of various imputed correlation coefficients for RPE. Numbers in rank probabilities heatmap represent rank with the highest probability and corresponding probability for given measure and condition



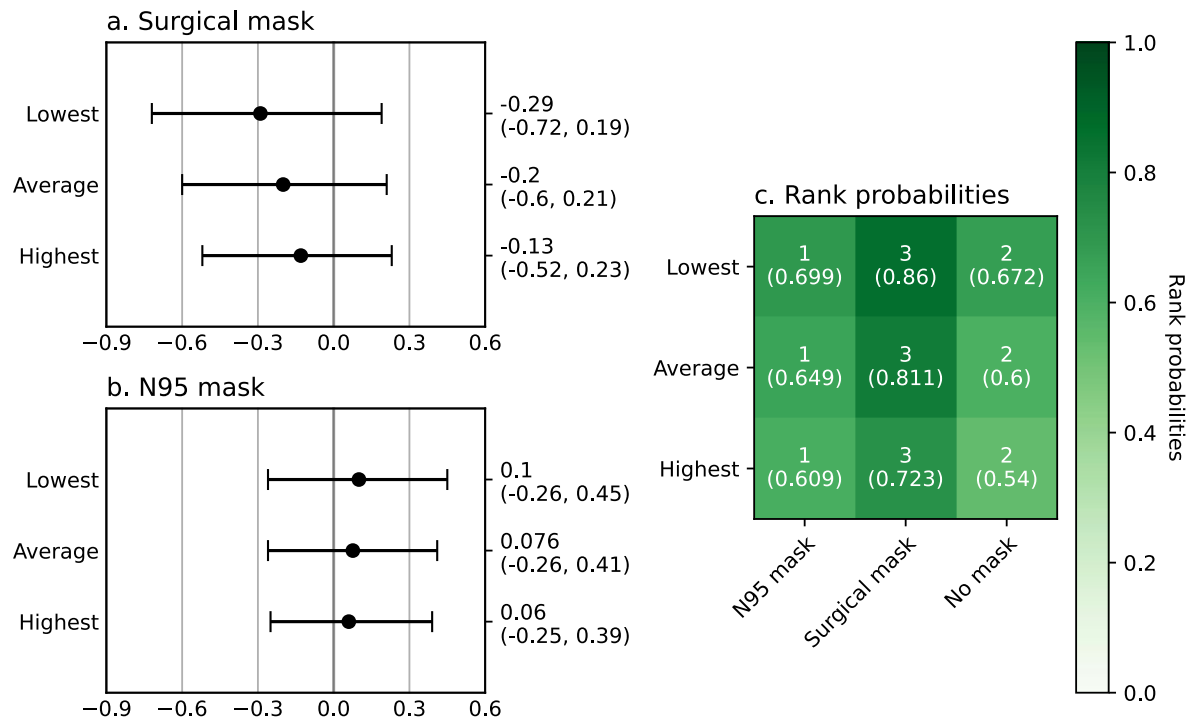
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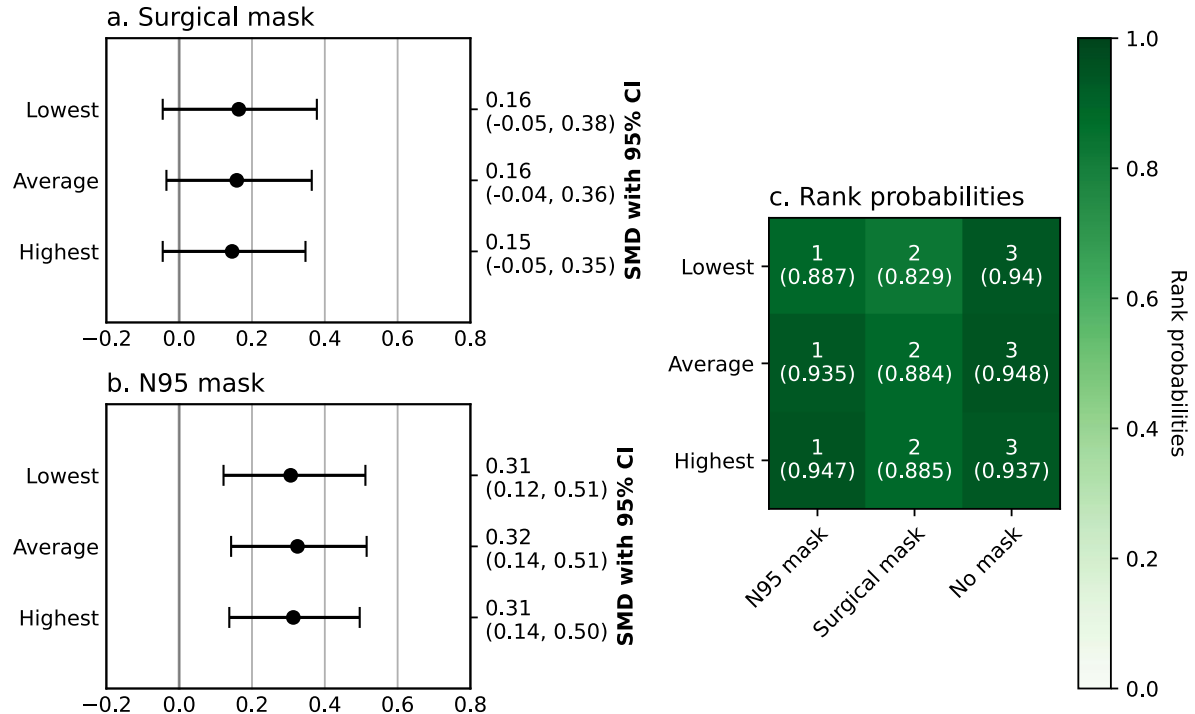
Supplementary Fig. 19. Sensitivity analysis of various imputed correlation coefficients for aural temperature. Numbers in rank probabilities heatmap represent rank with the highest probability and corresponding probability for given measure and condition



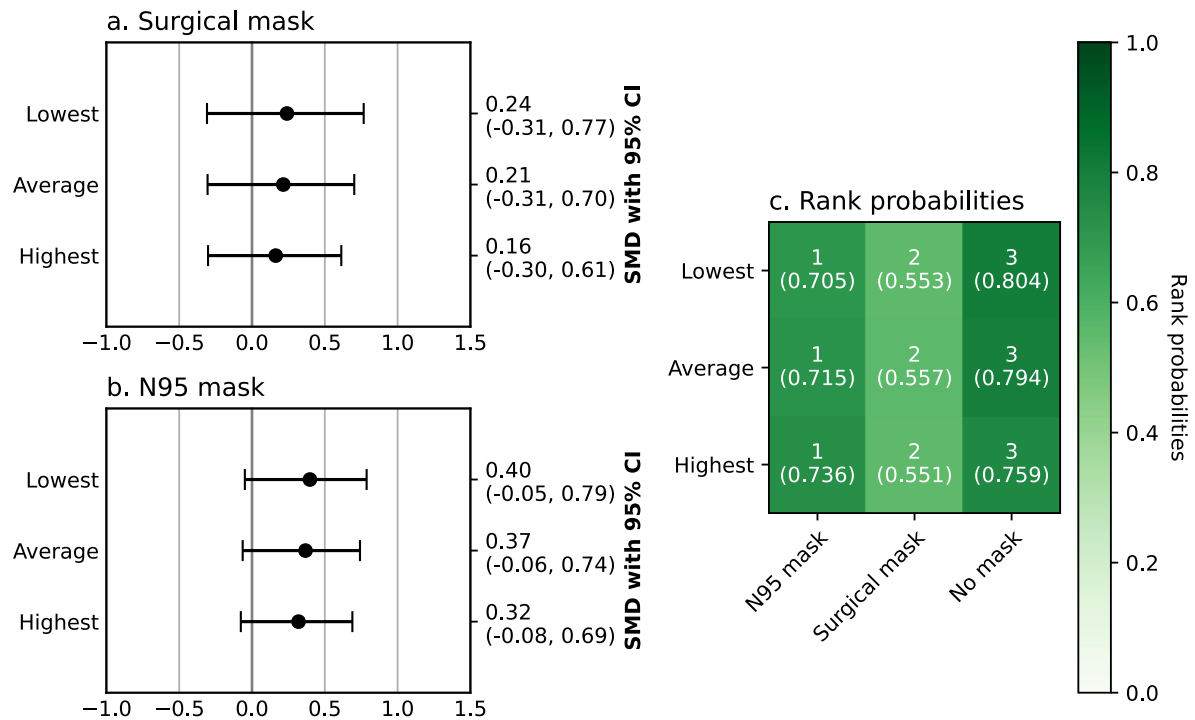
Supplementary Fig. 20. Sensitivity analysis of various imputed correlation coefficients for the temperature of facial skin covered by the mask. Numbers in rank probabilities heatmap represent rank with the highest probability and corresponding probability for given measure and condition



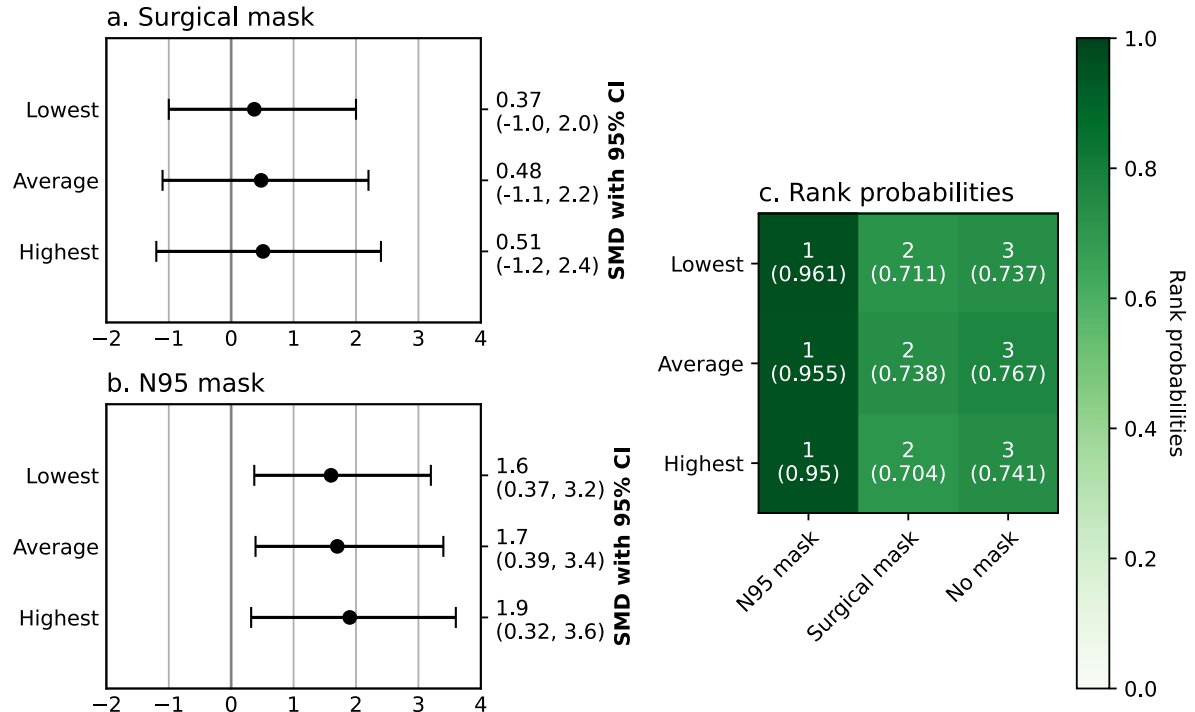
Supplementary Fig. 21. Sensitivity analysis of various imputed correlation coefficients for the temperature of uncovered facial skin temperature. Numbers in rank probabilities heatmap represent rank with the highest probability and corresponding probability for given measure and condition



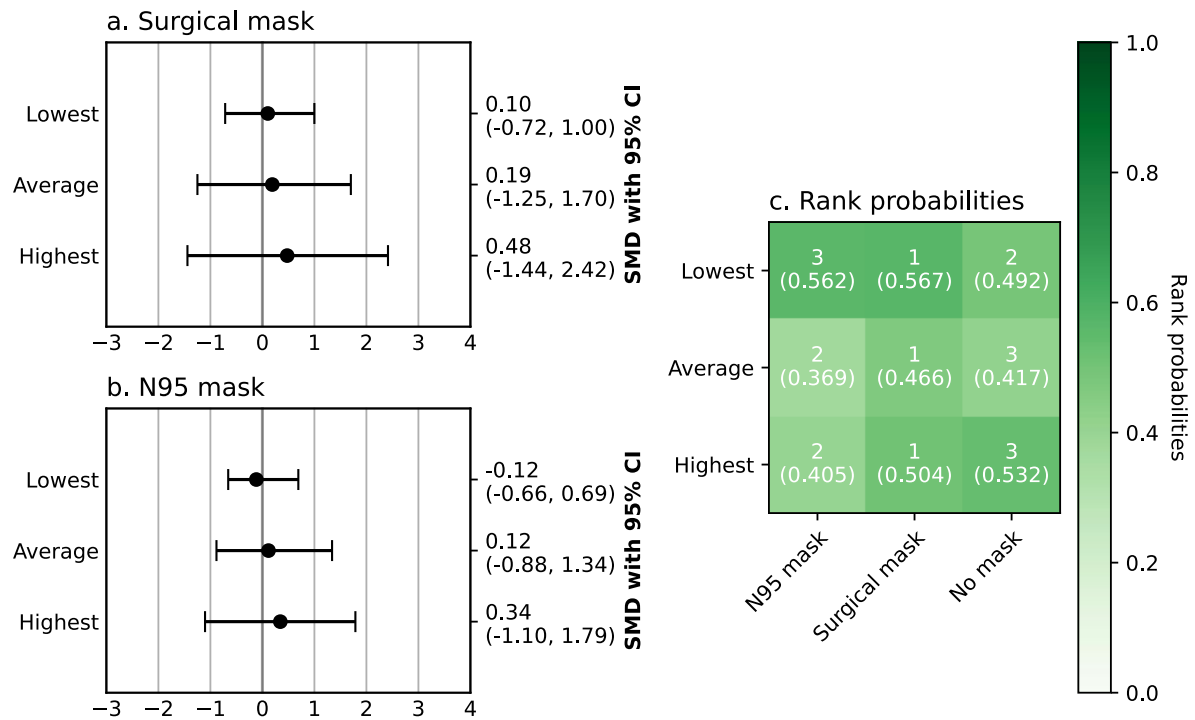
Supplementary Fig. 22. Sensitivity analysis of various imputed correlation coefficients for HR. Numbers in rank probabilities heatmap represent rank with the highest probability and corresponding probability for given measure and condition



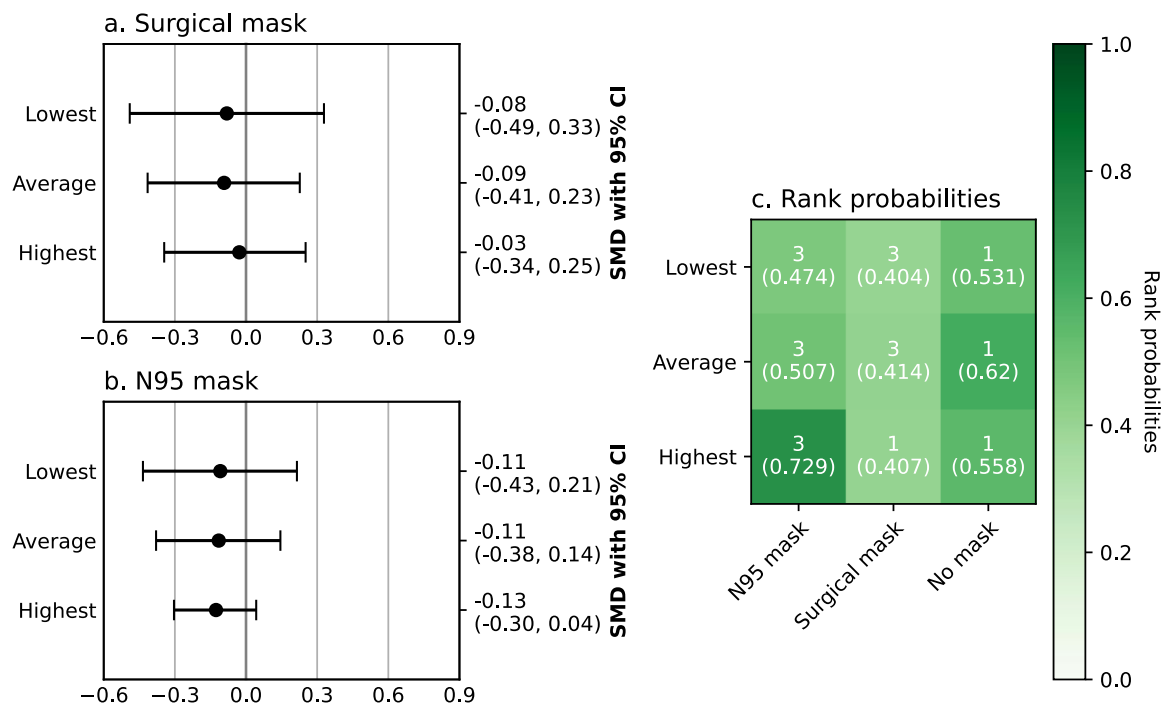
Supplementary Fig.23. Sensitivity analysis of various imputed correlation coefficients for tcPCO2. Numbers in rank probabilities heatmap represent rank with the highest probability and corresponding probability for given measure and condition



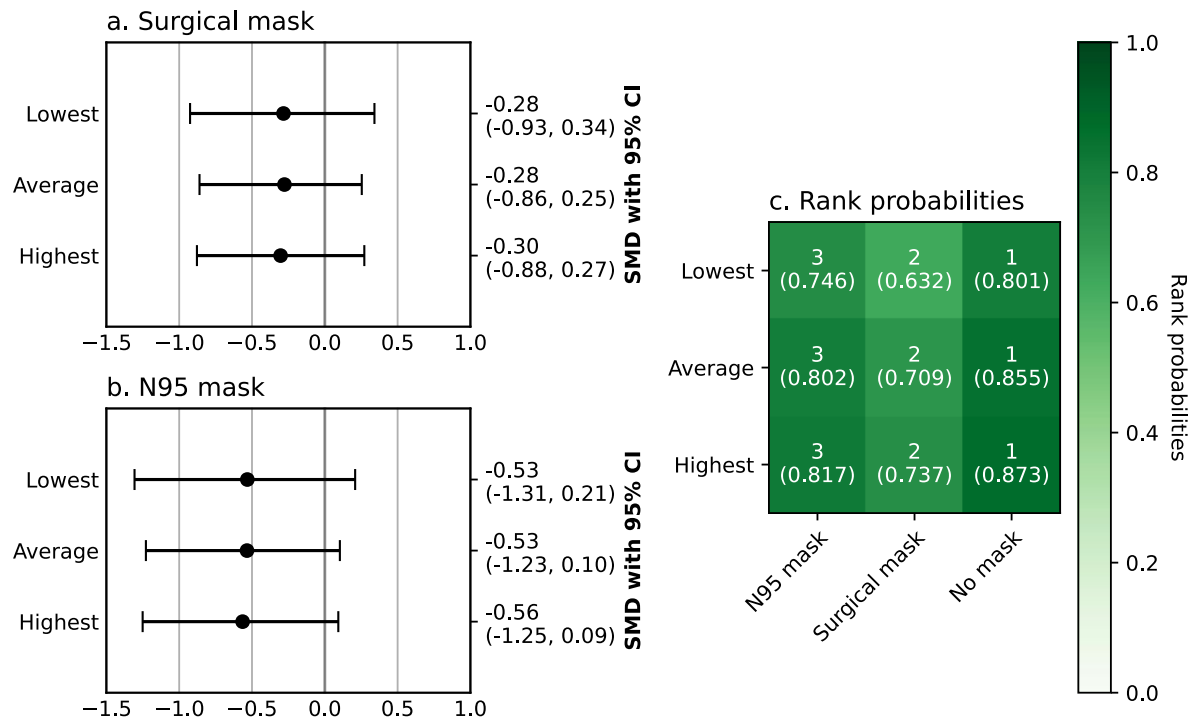
Supplementary Fig. 24. Sensitivity analysis of various imputed correlation coefficients for RHP. Numbers in rank probabilities heatmap represent rank with the highest probability and corresponding probability for given measure and condition



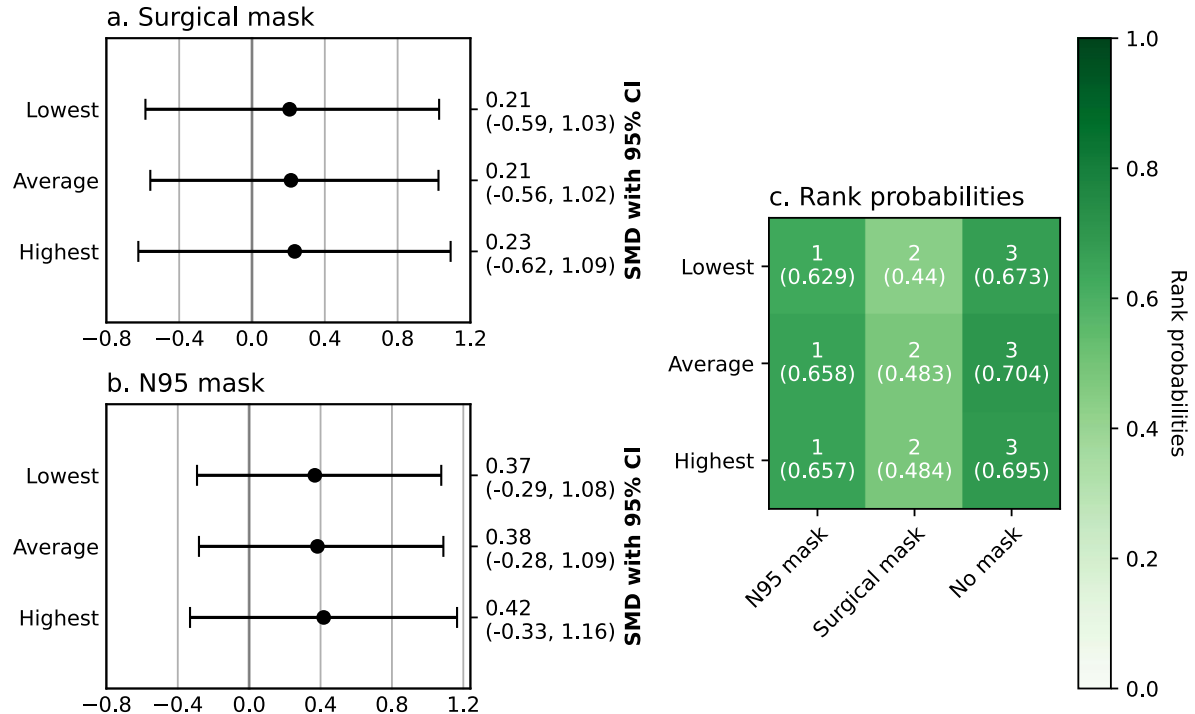
Supplementary Fig. 25. Sensitivity analysis of various imputed correlation coefficients for RR. Numbers in rank probabilities heatmap represent rank with the highest probability and corresponding probability for given measure and condition



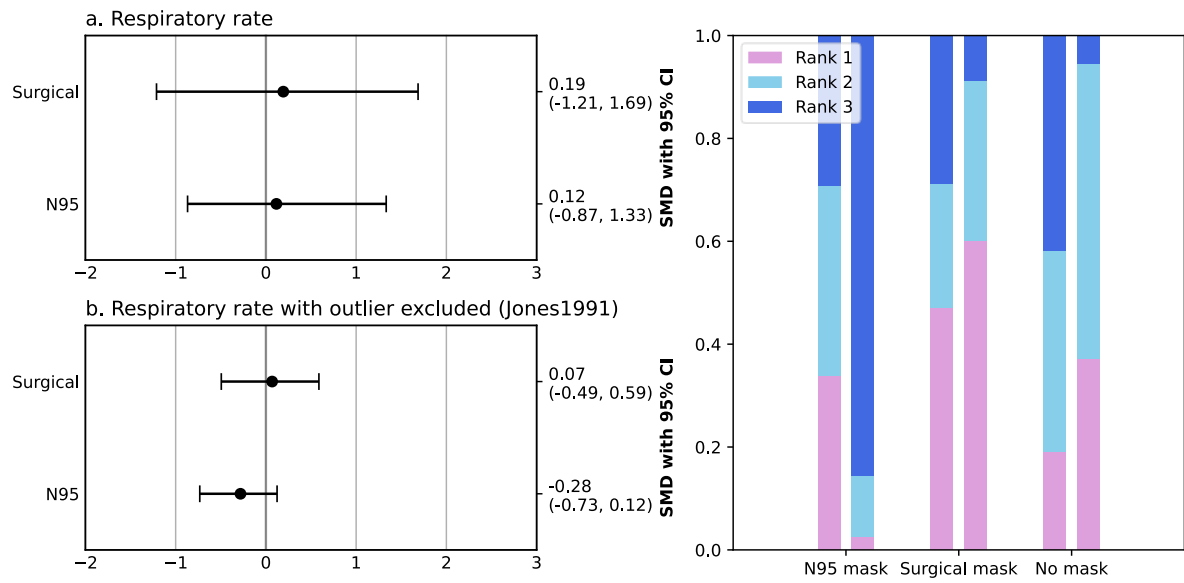
Supplementary Fig. 26. Sensitivity analysis of various imputed correlation coefficients for SpO2. Numbers in rank probabilities heatmap represent rank with the highest probability and corresponding probability for given measure and condition



Supplementary Fig. 27. Sensitivity analysis of various imputed correlation coefficients for spO2 during high intensity. Numbers in rank probabilities heatmap represent rank with the highest probability and corresponding probability for given measure and condition



Supplementary Fig. 28. Sensitivity analysis of various imputed correlation coefficients tidal volume. Numbers in rank probabilities heatmap represent rank with the highest probability and corresponding probability for given measure and condition



Supplementary Fig. 29. Sensitivity analysis of RR after exclusion of outlier study (rank probabilities on left – without exclusion; rank probabilities on rank – after exclusion)